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## RIBBENTROP PRATES

### ITALIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Two Italian attacks were repulsed in the central sector of the Albanian Front on Monday it was announced on the Athens Radio last night.

One attack was made at dawn in the district round the Apos and Apos Rivers and was defeated after sharp fighting.

The second attack was launched in the morning after a long artillery preparation and was also smashed despite desperate attacks in waves by the Italians whose losses, particularly in killed, were very heavy while a considerable number of prisoners was taken. — Reuter.

### HUGE BELGRADE HEADLINES

Huge headlines in special editions of the Belgrade newspapers announced Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis Pact yesterday afternoon.

The text of the German and Italian Notes promising to respect Yugoslavia's sovereignty and territorial integrity were prominently printed.

Commending the measure as "a chance to continue and strengthen in peace Yugoslavia's policy of loyal collaboration with all her neighbours," the newspaper "Politika" expects unfavourable reactions in the country by saying the action is so exceptionally important, both nationally and internationally, that "one can reasonably expect that the inevitable repercussions which will soon show themselves will bring general satisfaction in the favourable effects of the Pact." — Reuter.

### NAZI SHIP CAUGHT

ANOTHER LOSS TO GERMAN SHIPPING WAS REVEALED IN AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states that the merchantship Oder (8,516 tons) has been intercepted.

The Oder, which was endeavouring to escape from Misawa, was intercepted by the British sloop Shoreham, reports the Commander-in-Chief, West Indies. — Reuter.

### Playing With Their Own Heads

"Our cup is full," declares a leaflet widely distributed by a patriotic organisation in Belgrade.

The signature of the Tripartite Pact is described in the leaflet as meaning "a certain, shameful death for the country and the freedom of its people."

"Those who play with the heads of sixteen million people play with their own heads." — Reuter.

### Greeks Cannot Believe

Greece's reaction to Yugoslavia's action was voiced over Athens radio last night.

"Greek public opinion," said the announcer, "still cannot believe that Yugoslavia will desert the alliance and traditional friendship that has united the two countries for years."

"Greek public opinion looks to the future with calm in the sure belief that the brave Serbian people and army will never allow their glorious history to be sullied by an act which they themselves would certainly qualify as a stab in the back against an allied people." — Reuter.

### NAVAL SWEEP IN MEDITERRANEAN

A British Naval communique issued from Alexandria yesterday stated: "The Mediterranean Fleet has been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period from March 21 to March 24 covering various convoy movements."

"During these operations one enemy reconnaissance aircraft was shot down and at least another damaged. No enemy surface forces were encountered." — Reuter.

## Of Respect For Sovereignty!

RIBBENTROP, THE Nazi Foreign Minister, winding up the proceedings at Yugoslavia's signing of the Tripartite Pact by congratulating Yugoslavia on her decision, referred to the "crooked intrigue engineered by England to interfere in Yugoslavia's inner policy with certain forces of this State."

He had been told that "even in the last few days attempts at interference on the part of English and American circles had been made, which can only be described as unheard of and which can in no way be reconciled with the respect due to the sovereignty of a free European State."

Solemnly disclaiming that Germany had any territorial interests in the Balkans, Ribbentrop said: "Germany's only final aim will be exclusively to help the introduction of the order which will pacify justly and reasonably this important corner of Europe."

Ribbentrop said the same applied to East Asia.

### The "Object"

"It would be the object of the powers united in the Three-Power Pact and the States lined up with them to see that a Europe and an East Asia should exist in which these States would be free from foreign influences and intrigues in the construction of their own national life."

After the signature ceremony Hitler held a reception at the Belvedere Palace during which over coffee he talked especially with the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister, the Italian Foreign Minister and the Japanese Ambassador.

Among those present were Field-Marshal Keitel and the German Ambassador in Rome. — Reuter.

### BACK SCRATCH

TELEGRAMS OF MUTUAL CONGRATULATION AND GOOD WISHES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN HITLER AND PRINCE REGENT PAUL ON THE OCCASION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHESION TO THE AXIS PACT.

Prince Paul expressed his "sincerest wishes for the success of the great German people," while Hitler in reply sent his "interest wishes for the future of the Yugoslav people and its Royal House." — Reuter.

### THE LUFTWAFFE LAYS OFF

A single aircraft cruising over the coastal areas in Britain provided practically the only enemy air activity during daylight hours yesterday.

There was no night alert up to a late hour. — Reuter.

### NO WISHFUL THINKING

"Public opinion in Yugoslavia is in the throes of excitement but it cannot be expected that this is of a nature likely to change the course of events," said the Ankara Radio last night commenting on Yugoslav signature of the Axis Pact.

The commentator continued: "Yugoslavs were morally unprepared for a day like that now confronting them."

"By adherence to the Pact, they admitted in advance the acceptance of the reorganisation of the Europe of tomorrow and of Yugoslavia in accordance with Axis ideas."

"Yet despite everything, the signing of the Pact can hardly be considered as making for stability for the German viewpoint." — Reuter.

### MOSCOW QUIET

The Moscow Radio reported the signing of the Pact briefly and without comment, and afterwards referred for the first time to the Belgrade Government crisis preceding the journey of the Ministers to Vienna. — Reuter.

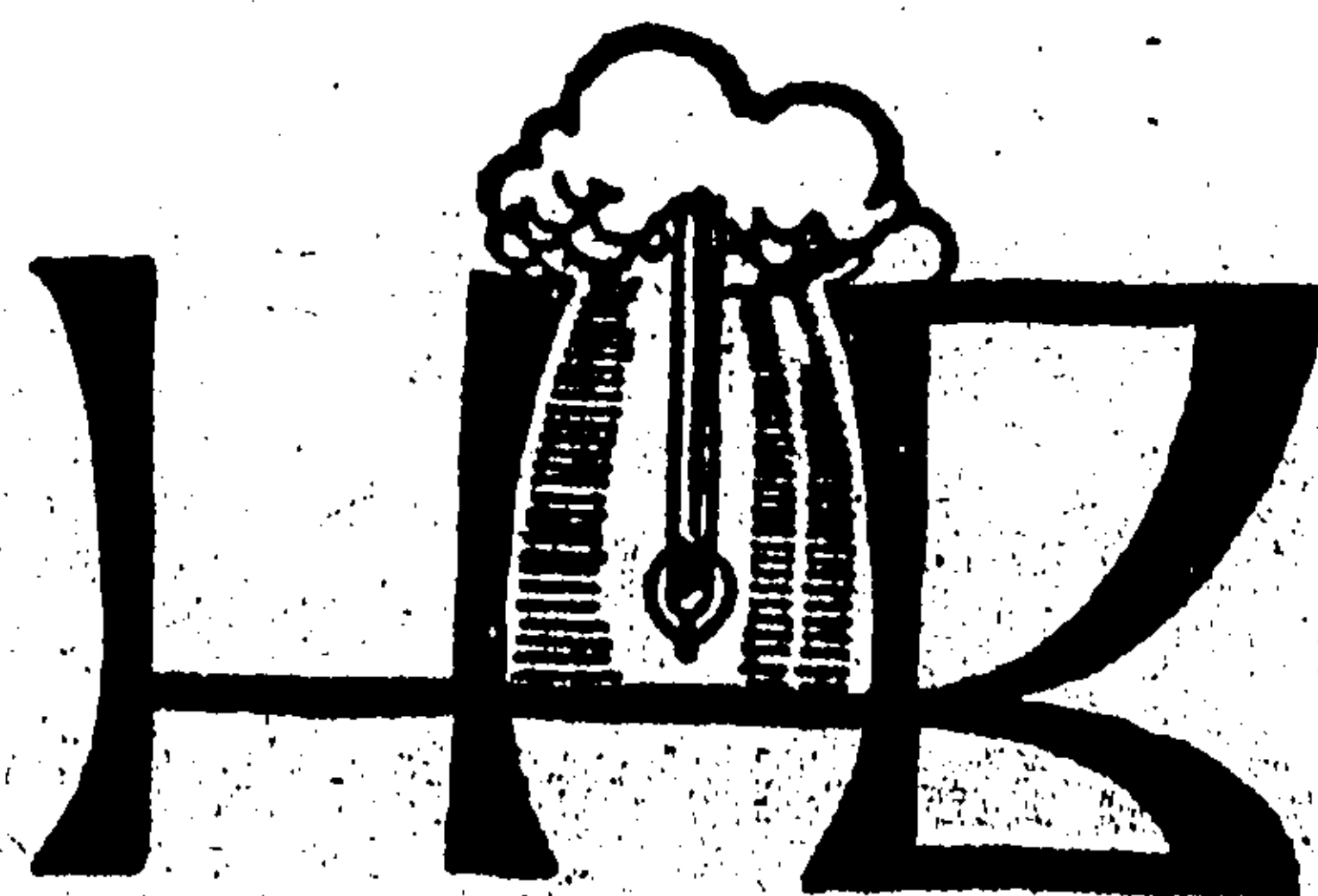
### Record War Bill

Britain's expenditure reached a new high record last week.

During the week ending March 22 total ordinary expenditure amounted to £102,699,000, or over £14,671,000 daily.

Total ordinary revenue is only slightly over £3,500,000 below the estimate for the financial year, with nine days to run, and the estimate is thus certain to be exceeded. — Reuter.

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# BRITAIN'S AIMS DEFINED

Lord Halifax Gives Outline In Brilliant Speech

## Victory First: New World Society

**BRITAIN'S WAR AND PEACE AIMS WERE DEFINED BY LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, AT A SPEECH AT THE DINNER OF THE PILGRIM SOCIETY IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT, AS WINNING THE WAR, PREVENTING A REPETITION OF SUCH A TRAGEDY AND HELPING TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE PROSPERITY IS JUSTLY SHARED.**

Lord Halifax opened with a high tribute to the work of Lord Lothian for Anglo-American understanding.

"The fruits of his labour stand to-day for all the world to see. He would not, I think, have wished any better monument."

Lord Halifax attributed the steady drawing together of the thought of their two countries to the instinctive reaction of the two peoples to the challenge of the new philosophy of totalitarian dictatorship.

### Dark Menace

As the struggle had grown more intense reason and conscience combined to make them both realise even more clearly the dark menace to things equally precious to both countries, and this common purpose was sealed anew by the passage of the Lend Lease Bill.

"It is difficult to exaggerate what this means. Across the seas, in the front line which is Britain, as in the hearts of those submerged for a time under the German wave, there will be felt a new confidence; in the enemy camp new doubts, as all alike remember the history of the last war, and the time is surely approaching when the weight of this nation must tip the scales."

Lord Halifax defined the Nazi system as "bondage, bodily, spiritual, political and economic."

### "New Order"

He said Hitler's "new order" would divide the world into the Germans, as the master race, and other nations as second-class peoples with rights and interests subordinated to those of the ruling caste.

but with a spiritual invasion, which if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive that it is in the power of the German air force to unload."

### War Aim

Lord Halifax, declaring that "we will never accept Hitler's new order," defined the principal war aim of Britain and its Allies as to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom but added that victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we could also achieve what must be the greatest peace aim of securing the world as far as humanly possible against a repetition of this tragedy.

"When this great battle is won, nations which have preserved or regained their freedom will have a sovereign opportunity to show what freedom means and what it can do for the welfare of mankind."

"It is not possible now to draw detailed plans for the future structure of the community of nations but we are already in a position as a basis on which agreement must be founded."

### Mutual Welfare

"Nations can exist in freedom and security only if they are prepared to cooperate for mutual economic welfare and, if need be, for mutual defence."

In the economic sphere everything depended upon such cooperation but no party to such an association would be ambitious to dominate its partners. Every nation, great and small, would have its place and make its own contribution.

Moreover, past experience had taught that stable international order must admit of an ordered change in relations between States.

Just as the liberty of the individual must have regard to the needs of the community, so must every nation in future accept its obligations to the general family of nations and be ready in both political and economic spheres to consider the welfare of its neighbours.

### Hand Extended

Lord Halifax declared: "We for our part are prepared to join hands with any state which genuinely seeks peace and prosperity in the world by loyally observing its engagements and ensuring liberty within its borders."

"It would be valueless to force unwanted associations upon unwilling nations. We must rather try and create conditions, political and economic, in which there may grow among people themselves a real sense of their community interest."

"In the British Commonwealth of Nations experience has taught us that nations differing greatly in numbers, wealth, race and social structure can yet freely associate together, and the British Commonwealth bastion of world defence to-day may well become the bridge of a greater world unity to-morrow."

### Single Whole

"In many respects the world must be treated in future as a single whole."

"When victory is won it must be our aim to promote the common interest in the greatest possible interchange of goods and services."

Britain was ready to participate in plans to promote economic co-operation on a worldwide scale.

"Our aim will be prosperity justly shared."

Lord Halifax emphasised that even now Britain was planning to remedy post-war impoverishment, arranging to establish stocks of food and raw materials which could be released as soon as we could be sure they would be used for this work of healing and not for our destruction."

The business of rebuilding after the war would be a task for

### YUGOSLAV FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

President Roosevelt yesterday ordered that all Yugoslav funds in the United States are to be frozen.—Reuter.

beyond the strength of any single country.

Britain was resolved to do her best but clearly, if the world was to be brought back to health, it would only be by the united action of all men and all nations of goodwill.

After the war and until we could be satisfied of Germany's cooperation, he could hardly doubt that nations resolved to preserve peace and freedom must retain sufficient armed strength to make their will effective.

### World Society

Lord Halifax hoped that in this, as in other matters, "our two peoples will appreciate the immense responsibility that will jointly rest upon them," and that in the words of Pascal they might combine justice and power so that the spirit of their cooperation might deserve and win the support of all other peoples like-minded with ourselves to strengthen the foundations of world society.

Thus only would it be possible to ensure that neither Germany nor any other country should revert or have any reason to revert to those policies which had plunged Europe into five wars within the last 80 years.

### Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the "Battle of the Atlantic," Lord Halifax said: "Our experience shows that while in the coming months these attacks may cause us grave losses, our defensive methods are sound

### BATAVIA CONFERENCE WITH JAPAN

MR. J. H. RITMAN, SPOKESMAN FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GOVERNMENT, EMPHATICALLY DENIED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY RUMOURS THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BE MADE TO THE N.E.I. BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. VAN KLEFFENS, MEANT THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON WAS PLANNING TO REMOVE TO THE EAST INDIES, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

The spokesman disclosed he would go to Manila to meet Dr. van Kleffens, who was expected to arrive on Saturday.

Questioned regarding the effect the visit would have on the present Japanese-East Indies conversations, Mr. Ritman declared it was "a lucky coincidence that both the Japanese and Dutch have eminent statesmen in Batavia."—Reuter.

provided they can be developed with adequate strength and speed."

In the next few critical months it would, as he saw it, be a race between the mounting total of our shipping losses and the increase in defensive weapons that would reduce them below the danger level.

"I have no doubt, with the help you will be able to give, of our ability to win this race."

DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF AN INVASION OF BRITAIN, LORD HALIFAX RETURNED A "CONFIDENT AND UNHESITATING 'NO' TO THE QUESTION WHETHER AN INVASION COULD SUCCEED."

He based this belief, he concluded, not only upon all the defence preparations, tireless devotion of the British forces and civil defence personnel and the help of the United States but also on the spirit of the British race.—Reuter.

## FRENCH SUPPLIES TO NAZIS THROUGH MARSEILLES

CONFIRMATION THAT a proportion of imports — which include considerable quantities of foodstuffs — into unoccupied France from French North Africa undoubtedly passes to the Germans, was given by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, at question time in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Dalton had previously been interrogated about Government's policy regarding foodstuffs to France, and repeated the well-known British standpoint.

### MATSUOKA TO VISIT VATICAN?

Mr. Matsuoka is to be received by the Pope during the Japanese Foreign Minister's visit to Rome. The German Radio making this announcement claims that it has been confirmed by the Vatican.—Reuter.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib. Wolverhampton) asserted that 200,000 tons of goods had entered Marseilles in three recent weeks and a greater part thereof went to Germany.

Mr. Dalton stated the newspapers "La Semaphore" had stated that 290,000 tons of cargo arrived in Marseilles from all destinations during that period.

Another question was asked whether the Vichy Government's attention had been drawn to the fact that food from French colonies is going to Germany instead of relieving the situation in France.

### "Certain Proportion"

Mr. Dalton merely replied: "We have information that a certain proportion of these imports reaches the enemy. Four in ten ships now en route is intended only for unoccupied France and its distribution there will be under effective American control."—Reuter.

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# Lord Croft On Superb Achievements Of The Army

## Over 180,000 Italian Prisoners

THE CURTAIN SHEDDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BRITISH ARMY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS, WAS LIFTED FURTHER YESTERDAY BY LORD CROFT, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Lord Croft had a special word for the Home Guard, "probably the least expensive fighting force in history," which frees the mobile army to strike wherever necessary, from Lofoten to Jijiga.

Without the Home Guard, military commanders could not have risked sending vital reinforcements in men and weapons to smash the Italian army in Africa in the nick of time.

Lord Croft then made a new disclosure regarding the African campaigns.

Despite the peril of invasion we parted with fine troops and first class equipment to meet the menace in Egypt and our vital communications with the East.

It was the longest distance ever covered by an army in history to reach a major theatre of war—an immense naval and military undertaking in submarine-infested oceans.

To-day it was permissible to mention that we had placed in safe custody in our prison camps a far larger number of the enemy than all the forces at General Wavell's disposal in the sombre month of last June.

### Successive Onslaughts

Lord Croft described in graphic detail successive British onslaughts along the Libyan coast, delivered at incredible speed against a well-equipped and well-entrenched army with every modern weapon of defence, until the climax early in February when the Army of the Nile, 660 miles from its base, pinched out Benghazi and blocked the retreat of all the remaining enemy.

With a speed never equalled, with endurance surely remarkable, with perfection of timing, surprise, initiative and a crescendo of pace, the Army won a glorious succession of victories which heartens every free man and gives him faith in morale over numbers and in the superiority of British fighting men over our enemies.

Regarding events in the great series of offensives against the Italian East African Empire, Lord Croft emphasised the immense distances involved and said:

### A Vast Clock

"Imagine a vast clock of 4,300 miles in circumference, with the centre 200 miles south-east of Addis Ababa, with lightning blows from 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, and last week, 2 o'clock."

After a description of operations in Eritrea, culminating in the occupation of the strategically important town of Neghelli, Lord Croft said:

"It was worth a marquessate to Graziani and we congratulate ourselves on its capture."

Further to the east a dramatic offensive was initiated by troops of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, the King's African Rifles and the Union of South Africa under General Cunningham, who was starting with high velocity from the Indian Ocean and seemed anxious to spend Easter with his famous brother, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

### Approaching Harrar

This column, having swept right through Italian Somaliland, was now 300 miles over the Abyssinian border and rapidly approaching Harrar and threatening the Djibouti railway.

Its advance of 770 miles from the Kenya frontier and 1,100 miles from railhead must surely be a

### STRONGER THAN IT APPEARS

Fear of German control of the Dardanelles is the motive of Russia's renewed pledge to Turkey, according to the foreign editor of the New York "World-Telegram" yesterday.

He thinks the undertaking is stronger than it appears. — Reuter.

world record of distance in such astonishing time.

With great rapidity and at almost no expense in casualties, forces of the Indian Army on one flank, and Somalis and Arabs on the other, recaptured the capital of British Somaliland after a surprise amphibious attack.

Whereas six weeks ago British and Italian Somaliland were all Italian, to-day this great area is all British.

### Only 604 Killed

Our casualties in all the African fighting were surprisingly small, totalling up to February 23, 2,960, of which happily only 604 were killed, whilst we inflicted over 200,000 casualties on the enemy, including the capture of 180,000 prisoners.

These campaigns had been truly imperial, and troops of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, the African colonies and the Sudan, with British Guardsmen and Infantry.

Dutch, Welsh, many Irish and also fine divisions from India have, with the Royal Armoured Corps, the Royal Artillery and the Engineers, written great fresh chapters in British military history.

### Nightmare Of Italy

Egypt has been saved, the Suez Canal will not be Italian, another 600 miles of the shores of the "Italian lakes" have passed into British hands.

The Italian hold on Abyssinia is becoming increasingly precarious, and Mussolini's dreams have become the nightmare of Italy.

The soldiers of the British Empire now stand braced, hardened, experienced and trained to meet the might of Germany. We are not afraid of the issue. (Cheers). — Reuter.

### SYRIAN UNREST

The situation in Syria remains serious, it is reported from Istanbul by Moscow Radio. Sentences of from three to five years' imprisonment have been passed upon demonstrators in Damascus. — Reuter.

## LORD LYTTON ON THE GANGSTER OF ASIA

IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR from the lips of President Roosevelt that China will be the recipient of all help the United States can give her in her heroic struggle against Japan, writes Lord Lytton in the "Manchester Guardian."

"If we had helped China more in 1932 we might never have seen the rise of Hitlerism in Germany or the spread of war first into Africa and then into Europe.

"Almost every action, every formula, which to-day we associated with the two gangsters of Europe, was, in fact, first used by Japan, the gangster of Asia.

"Waging war without previous declaration and calling it peace, profession of friendship to cover hostile preparations, engineering disturbances in a neighbouring state to provide an excuse for armed intervention under the guise of restoring order, disclaiming of territorial ambition whilst occupying the territory of another country, establishment of puppet governments and making serious alliances with them — Japan may claim to be the inventor of them all.

### Chinese Spirit Firm

"Yet how few people realised in 1931/33 what terrible consequences were to follow from the passive acquiescence of the rest of the world in this new form of aggression.

"After ten years of almost continuous war the Chinese spirit is unbroken, and her sacrifices have only tended to

## SOVIET PLEASURES U.S.

The satisfaction of the United States at the assurances given by Soviet Russia on Turkey was expressed yesterday by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State.

The Soviet guarantee is regarded in Washington as a practically unprecedented move.

Mr. Sumner Welles told his press conference yesterday that "It is a measure of great satisfaction to the United States when a great power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intention of maintaining its comprehensive neutrality in the event of a neighbouring country suffering an attack."

MR. WELLES ALSO INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES TOOK ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE YUGOSLAVIA TO RESIST THE AXIS DEMANDS. — Reuter.

### ATTACK ON GERMAN SHIPPING

An enemy vessel was sunk in an attack on shipping off the Dutch coast by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday afternoon. The Air Ministry communique records that one aircraft is missing from this operation. — Reuter.

### NAZI SUPPLY THROUGH RUSSIA

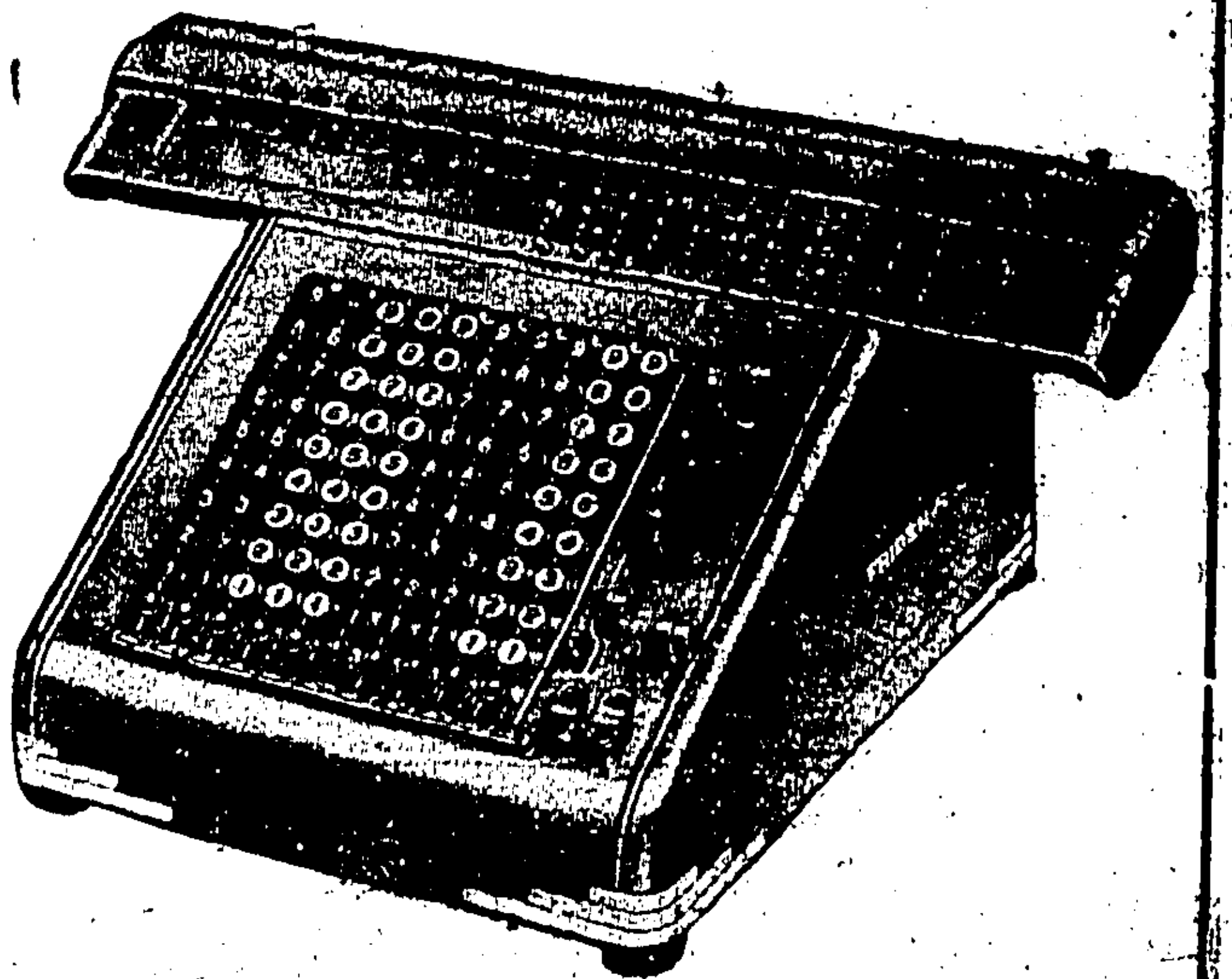
QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER RUSSIAN IMPORTS THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK FOR RE-EXPORT TO GERMANY WERE NOW DIMINISHING, MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE, SAID SALES TO GERMANY OF GOODS IMPORTED BY THE SOVIETS ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT ARE VERY SMALL.

Direct transit trade to Germany by the trans-Siberian railway remains, however, substantial.

Moreover, there was constant danger that abnormal Soviet imports, though not themselves re-exported, may release for export to Germany corresponding quantities of Soviet products. — Reuter.

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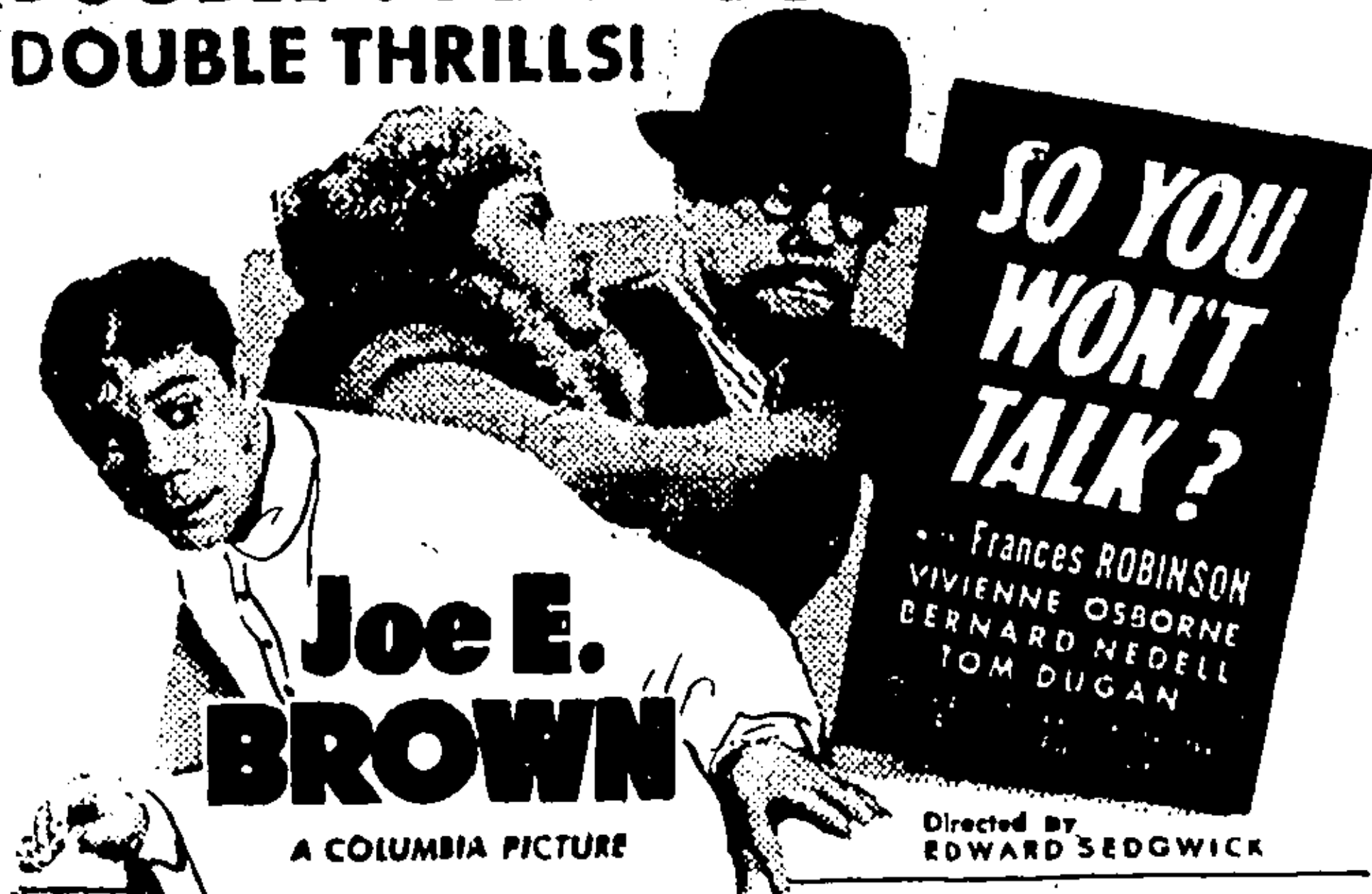
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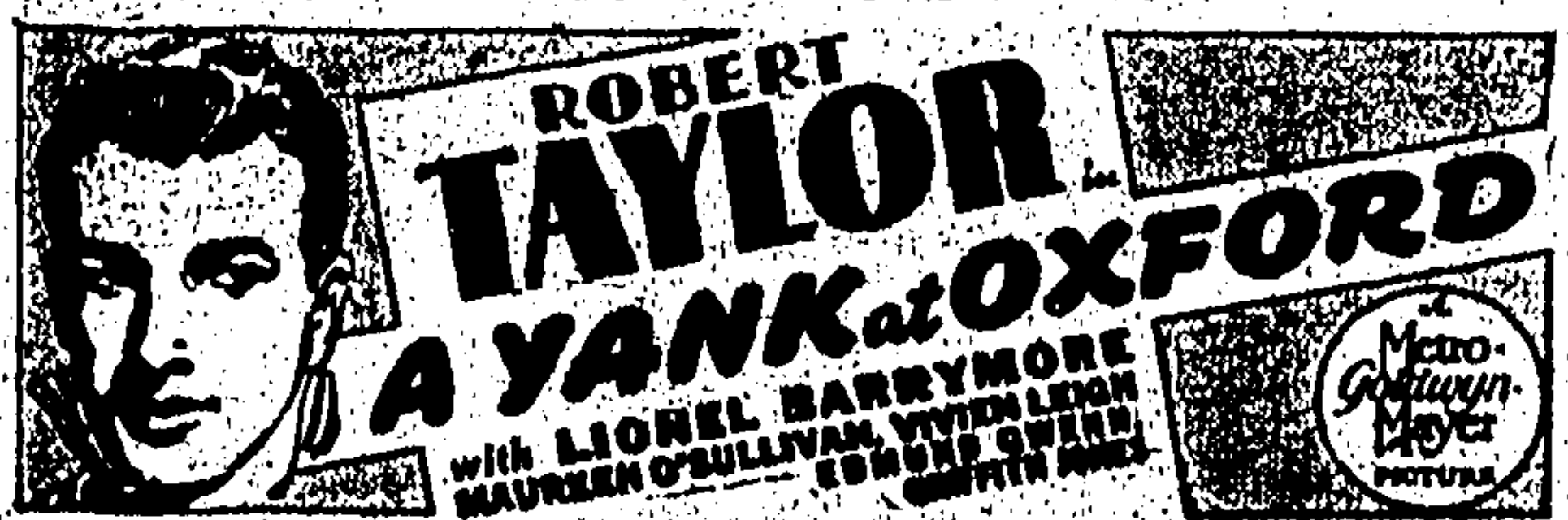


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**BIG SPY HUNT IN U.S.**

**EX-GESTAPO MAN'S EVIDENCE**

Sensational revelations of German and Italian subversive activities in the United States were made by Mr. Martin Dies, chairman of the Congressional Committee which is investigating un-American activities.

While he announced that he is sending his agents "immediately" to four cities to seize the records of what he called German and Communist organisations, the committee sat in secret questioning the witnesses rounded up in 10 raids in Chicago on the offices of German and Italian bodies.

Mr. Dies stated that one of the four cities was Detroit, but he refused to identify the others.

Blaming German and Fascist saboteurs for the recent explosions in powder factories, he gave a warning that unless the most drastic action was taken at once sabotage would continue on an increasing scale.

"I had advance information and predicted these explosions," he declared. "I constantly get such information. Unless they are stopped, saboteurs will continue until they reach the United States' vital industries. The consular systems of all the countries involved are directly linked with these incidents."

Mr. Dies urged immediate action which, he said, meant "discharging Communists, Nazi and Fascist agents from positions in key industries and outlawing their organisations."

**Nazi Spy Witness**

He disclosed that one of the star witnesses appearing before his committee is Heinrich Peter Fassbender alias Harry Smith, 23 a native of Dusseldorf, Germany.

Fassbender is a self-confessed Gestapo agent, who says that he has been working as an agent for Germany since 1935, first in Spain then in Belgium, and finally in the United States.

Showing the committee revealing photographs of American factories, Fassbender assured its members that he had been working as both an industrial and military spy. He explained to newspaper-men that he had decided to make a clean breast of his activities on behalf of Germany, not only in Chicago and San Francisco, but in many other parts of this country.

A record of cheques Fassbender had received from the German Government, ranging from 100 to 200 dollars, has been obtained by the committee.

**EMPIRE SHIPPING DRIVE**

Effective measures to extend shipbuilding and repair facilities throughout the Empire were mentioned by the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in a written reply to a parliamentary question yesterday.

During the last six months the number of warships building in the Dominions, India and colonies more than doubled, and orders for a substantial number of merchant vessels placed.

Warship repair facilities also now exist and are being increasingly employed and constantly extended at almost all main seaports in the Dominions, India and colonies.—Reuter.

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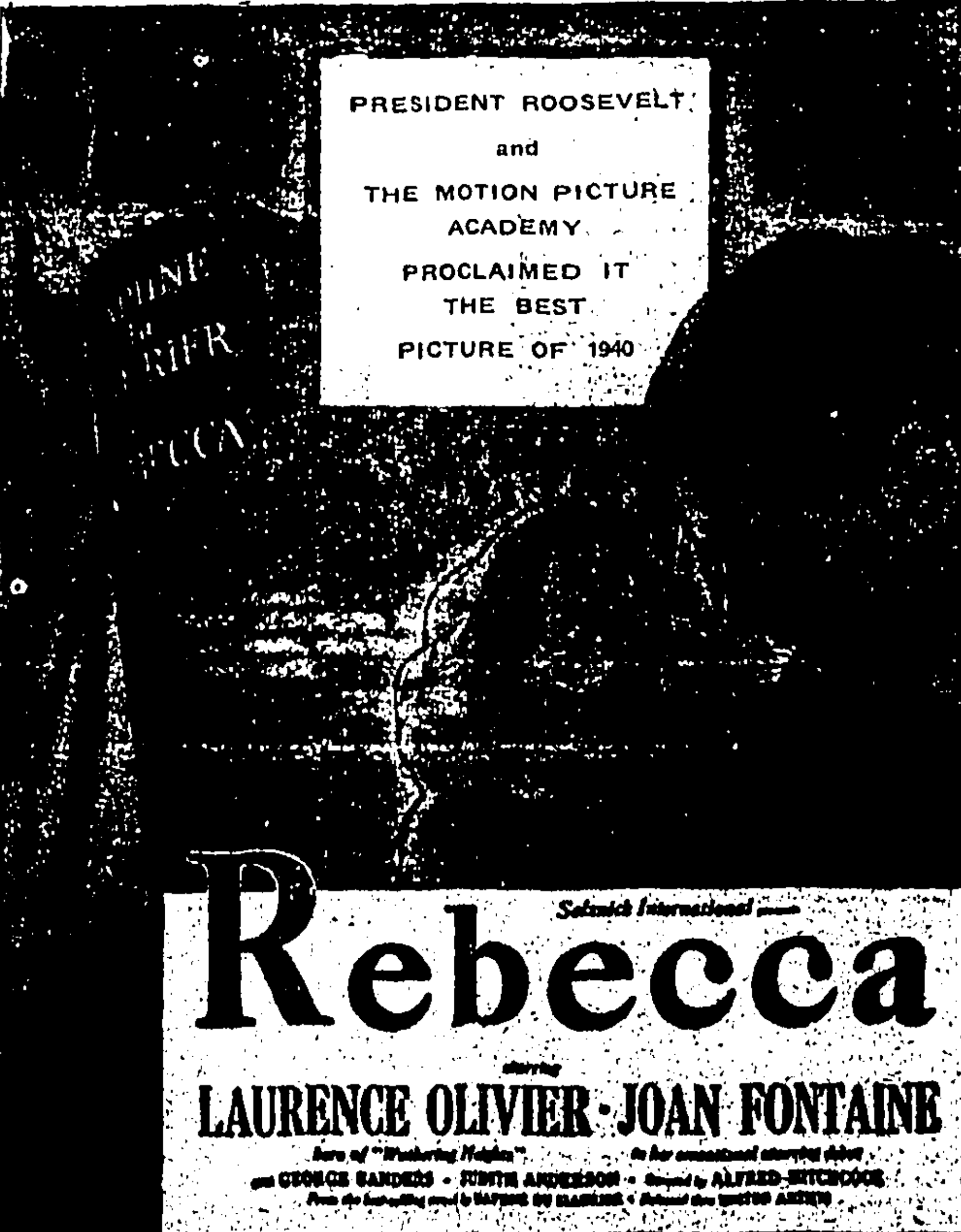
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# SCOTTISH LION IN TEXAS

The city of San Antonio, Texas, which recently passed a resolution urging the supply of as many "flying fortresses" to Britain as might be needed for our defence against Nazi aggression, has old connections with this country, and especially with Scotland.

During the war of liberation against Mexico in 1336 the Texans were besieged in the Alamo, the old Franciscan Mission in the centre of San Antonio. After a desperate resistance the garrison of 183 men were overcome and slaughtered to a man by the Mexicans.

Among the garrison were Scotsmen, and when Texan freedom had been won the Scottish Societies of San Antonio presented to daughters of the Republic of Texas a Scottish flag "In memory of men of Scottish blood had died for Texan liberty."

So to-day the visitor to the Alamo may see a gleam of red and yellow in a corner of the chapel, the only part of the old mission which remains. It is the lion of Scotland rampant on a Royal Standard.

# SHE IS GOING TO PARIS TO TRY SAVE ENGLISHWOMAN

A BRITISH officer's widow — "a woman with a most determined chin" — is negotiating with the Nazis for the release of Miss May Louisa James, the English Y.W.C.A. warden detained in a Paris gaol by the Gestapo on a spy charge.

She is Mrs. Evelyn Beresford Fox, second in command of the international staff of the Y.W.C.A. in Geneva.

Captain Beresford Fox, her husband, was killed in the last war, and she has since resumed her American citizenship.

Mrs. Fox may go to Paris to interview the Nazis on the spot.

## Aid For Others

In this case she will try to intercede also on behalf of two other Englishwomen imprisoned by the Nazis — Miss Winifred Harle and Miss Florence Frickard, both of whom are under sentence of death on charges of disseminating copies of British broadcasts.

"I don't think a better person than Evelyn could have been found for the job," one of her

Y.W.C.A. colleagues said. "She is a petite woman of about 50, with soft, fair hair, turning grey, and she has a most determined chin, which makes her the subject of much friendly chaff.

"But that chin illustrates her character. Whenever Evelyn Beresford Fox undertakes a task, she sees it through, however seemingly insurmountable the obstacles.

## Far-Fetched

"The idea that Miss James could have been involved in espionage work is quite far-fetched. A tall, grey-haired woman of gentle ways, with a marked natural dignity, she was always much more interested in people than in politics."

Her sister, Mrs. Lister Knight, of Knowle, Devon, has received a letter from Miss Mable D. Brown, an American citizen, stating that Miss James was doing wonderful work for the 40 Englishwomen left behind in the Y.W.C.A. Paris hostel, also among British prisoners at the Fresnes internment camp.

# IN DARKEST MUNICH

NOT LONG AGO A HEAVY BOMBER WAS OVER MUNICH, TAKING PART IN A RAID WHICH THE GERMANS WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO COUNTER WITH ALL THE A.A. FIRE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. A MESSAGE CAME HOME FROM THE BOMBER TO ITS STATION WHILE THE RAID WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON. BUT THE OFFICER WHO RECEIVED IT COULD MAKE NOTHING OF IT.

He was familiar with most of the usual messages which our bombers send, and could read many of them at a glance, but this was something he had never seen before. He began to search without much hope among the more unlikely messages that might conceivably be sent in war time, and at last found the solution.

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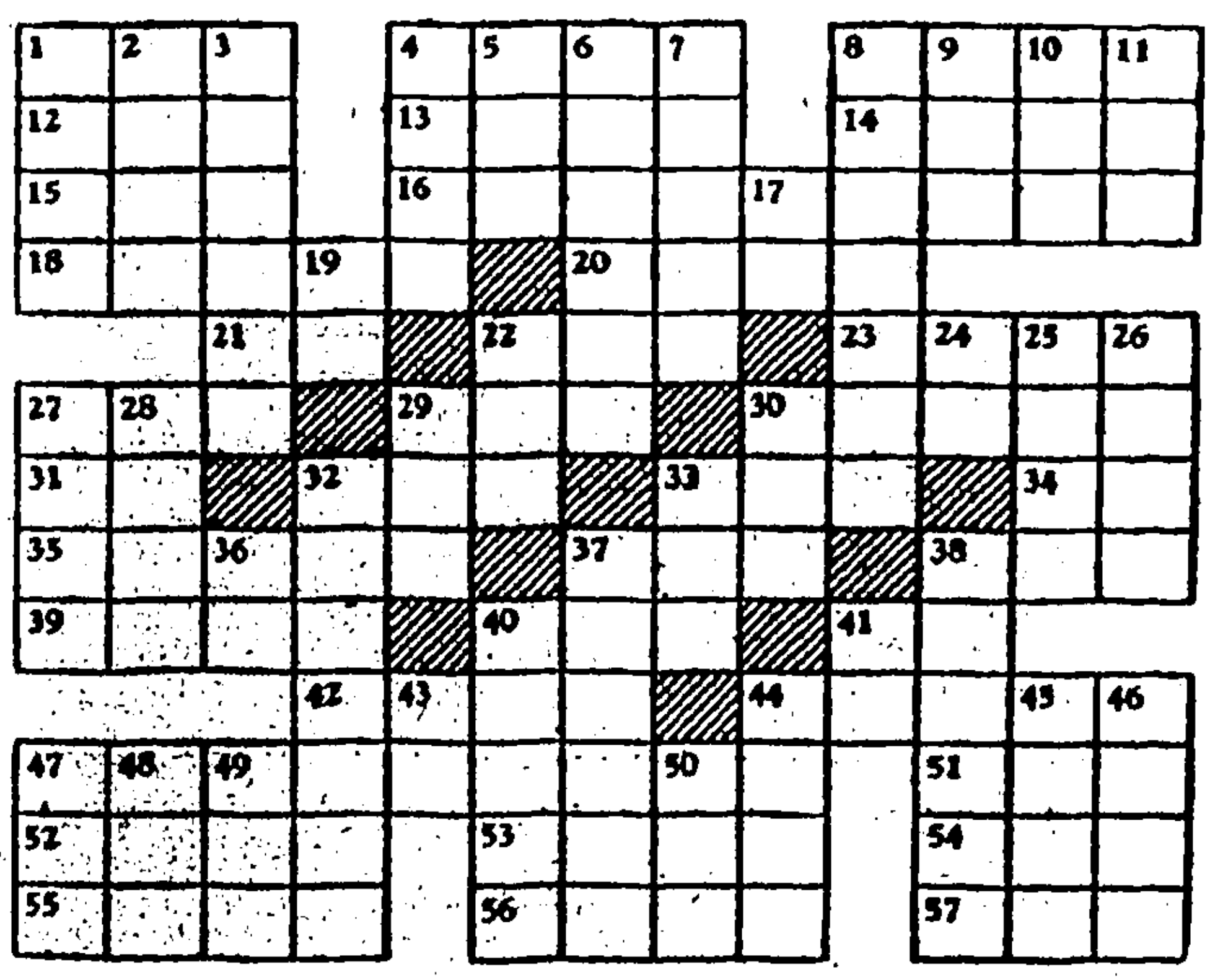
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- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Lair
- 23 Isle of Napoleon's exile
- 27 Music as written
- 29 Scoundrel
- 30 Vegetable
- 31 Molten lava
- 32 To massage
- 33 African antelope
- 34 By
- 35 Frozen rain
- 37 Likely
- 38 Part of "to be"
- 39 European
- 40 Pig-pen
- 41 Exists

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- 2 Two
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- 5 Number
- 6 Sampled
- 7 Constellation
- 8 Gloves
- 9 Crude metal
- 10 Hurried
- 11 Insect
- 17 Thus
- 19 You and I
- 22 Quick stroke
- 24 Chinese measure
- 25 Male pig
- 26 Poker stake
- 27 Colloquial back-talk
- 28 High
- 29 To decrease
- 30 External
- 32 Opposite
- 33 Informer
- 36 Babylonian deity
- 37 Garb
- 38 Starry
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(By David Walker, With The Greek Forces)

Corporal Pardopoulos, with a fortnight's beard, standing to in four feet of snow some 500 yards from the Italian advance posts, had not eaten for thirty-six hours owing to the immense difficulties of bringing up supplies.

I and the rations, arriving simultaneously, he unhesitatingly broke in half a loaf of bread and a chunk of cheese and insisted that I share it with him.

This small incident on the Albanian front will always remain in my memory as typical of the spirit of the Greek troops. And there are others.

I SHALL REMEMBER a General who, refusing to discuss his own victories, insisted only on praise for the endurance of the Greek soldiers, himself working night and day to attempt to speed up the arrival of blankets and food for his men.

I SHALL REMEMBER Corporal Papavasileu—who, although only eighteen and under age, had fought since the first day—lying in pain in intense cold, with machine-gun bullets in his chest, yet cheerfully offering me cigarettes.

An Italian counter-attack had swept over him, but two hours later a second Greek bayonet attack had sent the enemy skeltering back over Papavasileu. He was now grinning from a stretcher on his way to hospital.

I SHALL REMEMBER bearded Bishop Jannaropoulos with a crucifix in his cap back from the front. A fellow priest had been killed there the previous day. When I asked if he was able to tell me a special story of heroism, he replied slowly "They are all heroes."

I SHALL REMEMBER shining, dark-eyed Nurse Andreas, who, married in the first days of the war, was forced to say goodbye to her husband on the following morning. He was mobilised and sent to the front.

She enrolled as a nurse and was sent to a forward base hospital. Neither bride nor groom had the remotest idea where the other was—until twenty-five days later they were reunited by a chance in a million at her hospital.

I SHALL REMEMBER nurses who, in peacetime leaders of Athenian society, are now slaving night and day at the forward bases and in hospital trains under the hardest conditions, bringing comfort and help to the Greek soldiers.

I SHALL REMEMBER poor families in a frontier town who accorded me the greatest hospitality—and were furious when I offered payment.

These and a hundred other incidents I shall remember always as part of the immense spirit of confidence and cheerfulness, courage and faith in God, which dominates the Greek soldiers along the entire length of that savage Albanian front.

GIRL DRIVER, AGED  
20, WINS M.B.E.

Ambulance driver Joan Westoby, of Binley Road, Coventry, awarded the M. B. E. for bravery in the recent Coventry air raids is only twenty.

She told a reporter that she joined the A.R.P. in 1939.

On the night of the big raid Miss Westoby made eleven journeys with her ambulance, carrying on through the night and then, after a brief rest, reporting for duty again.

"I did not realise how big the raid was," she said, "but afterwards I knew that I was lucky. I seemed to miss all the bombs but the ambulance was hit several times by shrapnel."

"Often I had to dodge bomb craters."

"I had a wonderful assistant with me—Gordon Dyer, aged eighteen, who was a great help in clearing debris from the road."

## A CORRECTION

A misprint in our report of the case against Sergeant Gould on Monday credited the assistant manager of the Republic Day Hotel with saying that the defendant signed cheques to an amount of \$31. The actual figure stated was \$11.

GREEN ISLAND  
CEMENT DIVIDEND

The Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., announce that the Balance standing at credit of Profit & Loss Account as at the 31st December, 1940, including the sum of \$166,382.82 brought forward from the previous year and after providing for depreciation and other contingencies, amounted to—\$841,480.00, which the Board will recommend at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company, be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share on 195,494 shares—\$195,494; To pay a bonus of \$1.00 per share on 195,494 shares—\$195,494; To transfer to credit of Stocks Reserve \$250,000; To distribute a Bonus to Staff: \$17,164.50; To Carry Forward to next account: \$183,327.50.

MARY'S LOVE BEATS  
THE BAND

"Choose between me and your jazz band."

This ultimatum was issued to Buddy Rogers by Mary Pickford. It was revealed in a £60,000 breach of contract suit in a New York court.

A theatrical agency with which Buddy is alleged to have broken his contract told how Mary, objecting to Buddy's absence from their Hollywood home, told him that if he didn't return and settle down with her she would divorce him.

So thirty-six-year Buddy returns to forty-six-year-old wife.

BURIED SIX WEEKS,  
DOG LIVES

DAY AFTER DAY William John Humphries limped along to the wreckage of his bombed home to search for his greatest pal.

William is twenty and a cripple. He has spent a quarter of his life in hospital. And his greatest pal was Rex, a collie dog.

To the young man it was sheer tragedy when Rex was buried under the ruins of his home during a raid on Birmingham.

William and his family hurried to a public shelter when the raid started. Rex followed them—but dogs were not admitted.

William had to take Rex back to the house.

Soon after the house was hit. William rushed to the wreckage. Frantically he began to search for his dog. He searched for hours. Then he said "Rex must be dead."

Next day he limped back to the ruined house, started shifting rubble. He said, "I must find Rex and bury him."

Day after day, slowly, laboriously, he worked at his task among the wreckage.

Every day for a week. Every day for a month. And still he kept on.

The time came when he had searched for Rex's body every day for six solid weeks.

He worked on. Much of the rubble had been removed.

Rather wearily, he poked his hand into an opening through some of the remaining bricks.

Something licked his hand. It was Rex.

And to William it was a miracle.

After six weeks without food or water, the dog was alive.

William worked desperately with pick and shovel for six hours.

Then he released Rex. The dog, exhausted and terribly thin, was lying on a twisted bed.

## "Nearly Cried"

William's sister, Mrs. Brittle, of Hanley Street, Birmingham, told a reporter:—

"Ever since the bombing my brother had gone, every day to search the wreckage. When he discovered Rex was alive he nearly cried."

"He rushed and bought brandy for his dog. He bathed Rex's eyes with milk. He carried him here, and since then has carefully nursed him."

"He has sat up with Rex for hours. The dog is my brother's greatest pal. It is a great friendship."

"Now Rex is running about again."

DIED AFTER  
SOMERSAULT

While she was doing somersaults on a mattress a woman got a needle in her leg. Blood-poisoning followed and she died.

Frederick Scott Malcolm stated at the inquest at Hammersmith that his wife, who was twenty-one, was a former hospital nurse.

Her favourite pastime was to do physical jerks in front of the fire.

## Head Over Heels

On the evening of January 2, at their home in Holland Road, Kensington, she got into her pyjamas and did "head over heels" on a mattress.

"I said to her, 'Can you do it backwards,'" said Mr. Malcolm, "and she did."

His wife then told him, "There is a needle on the floor," and gave a start. It was then that Mr. Malcolm thought that she drove the needle into her leg. He could feel it under the skin.

The needle was removed in hospital.

Accidental death was the verdict.

TELEGRAMS  
IN STREET

The Post Office has opened a street telegram service in the City of London.

Telegraph messengers wearing appropriate armlets, will walk about within the vicinity of Regina House, Cheapside and Northgate House, Moorgate, ready to receive telegrams. They are prepared to give change.

Telegrams are now being received at Regina House and Northgate House and delivered by relays of messengers to all parts of the City.

The improvised telephone service at both these places has been successful and similar places will be opened.



# CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

## COL. LINDBERGH

Colonel Lindbergh has been at it again, and much more disturbingly on this occasion for the Lease and Lend Bill has been passed and the purpose of his further intervention can only be to attempt to sabotage the bid for national unity and national effort.

Astoundingly, if Colonel Lindbergh is at all sincere, he refuses to draw any moral distinction between regimes which invoke a reign of violence and those which seek ways of peace and freedom. Does right or wrong make no difference to the erstwhile hero of the air as long as he thinks himself secure?

The Lindbergh case seems to deal solely with material factors in its summing up of the supposed prospects in Europe. There are moral factors, so-called imperishables, which enter heavily into the equation. If suffering and destitution are involved in a prolonged British drive, what of a Nazi victory under the sugar-coating of a "negotiated peace?" In the occupied countries it could be only a smouldering truce, a period of slave-labour efforts at production, and ultimate discovery that military domination cannot feed people.

Throughout the occupied area forces are ready to spring into being to throw off the yoke. Britain doubtless must launch some kind of an offensive, but will not have to sustain it alone. By contrast, any system which has to rely on an appeal to lawlessness and a glorification of brute force has within it the seeds of its own destruction.

No, it is not simply that Britain must win. Something very much bigger than Britain or America must win the tremendous struggle now going on. There must be a victory won, in the interests of all the world, for the idea of freedom under law, of security from aggression, of adjustment by peaceful means.

There was a time when every attempt at flying had failed. There was then no indication that the limitation that kept humans on the ground would ever be overcome. Colonel Lindbergh sees "no indication that war is a thing of the past." Yet the organisation of justice in nations has made the medieval feudal wars a thing of the past.



BRAVE LITTLE ADOLF!

# Labour Vitality

By  
**Harold Laski**

A number of American correspondents have written to me recently asking for an assessment of Labour's influence in the Churchill government. That is not an easy matter to undertake. For, in the first place, much of that influence is necessarily screened from the public view; and, in the second, not a little of the essential work Labour Ministers have accomplished—and this is particularly true of Mr. Attlee—reveals itself in the decisions of Departments not directly under Labour control.

Certain general things may be said at once. The Labour Ministers have a full share in all the central decisions of the War Cabinet. They have responsibility, therefore, for the achievements, not less than for the blunders. If Dakar was not a Labour plan, Mr. Attlee and his colleagues accepted that woeful experiment; if Mr. Amery's plans for India left the issue where it stood before the Labour Ministers bear their part in what I think is Mr. Churchill's main error of judgment.

But it is not beyond the mark to attribute certain special emphasis to their urgency. To them, above all, are due the great improvements in agricultural wages, old age pensions, the treatment of the unemployed, compensation for war injuries, the increases in pay to the armed forces and their dependents. Without Mr. Bevin's powerful aid, it is, I think, certain that industrial relations would have been far less smooth than they have been; and it is above all because the workers have such confidence in their representatives that the phenomenal increases in war output have taken place. It is an open secret that the administration of the very difficult problems connected with interned aliens has greatly improved since Mr. Herbert Morrison became Home Secretary, and he, and his vivid Assistant Secretary, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, have begun, at least, to tackle the shelter problem (they have not yet solved it) with energy and imagination. These next weeks will bring forth an official statement from the British government on its war aims of the first importance; and it is again an open secret that Labour Ministers, and especially Mr. Attlee, have had a

vital share in securing its publication and in determining its character.

Of the separate Ministers, Mr. Attlee appears least in the public view and is quite definitely the most influential. Shy, undramatic, without a trace of egotism, he prefers to work behind the scenes. He is slow to make up his mind, but, once he has made it up, he has a persistence that carries great weight. His fault is an undue diffidence which tends to make him silent where speech is called for. But anyone who has seen him as constantly and continuously in action as I have will yield no primacy to any Minister but Mr. Churchill himself for the value of the counsel he has brought to the war effort. It is characteristic of him that neither bad news can perturb him nor good give him undue confidence. He has the respect of all, and the more respect, the more intimately he is known.

Mr. Bevin was the outstanding figure in the trade union world when he became Minister of Labour. He has done some admirable work there. Above all, he has given the trade unions the status that was their due in the councils of the government, and he has seen to it with the knowledge born of long experience, that the standards of labour are not relaxed at any point where danger to the workers' health is involved. He has initiated half a dozen experiments of importance. His public utterances have given him perhaps the widest audience of any Minister except Mr. Churchill; and it is already clear that when the lines of reconstruction begin to be laid, Mr. Bevin will count as vitally as anyone on the Labour side.

Mr. Morrison, after a brief period at the Ministry of Supply, where he did a Herculean job of reorganisation, has now found, I think, the task to which he is ideally suited both by temperament and experience. Mr. Morrison touches nothing that he does not make clearly his own hand-work. He is clear-headed, incisive, and works with an energy that is remarkable. If he has a fault, it is that, often excessive tenderness for his own officials, a

generous fault, but one the magnitude of the present issues makes a dangerous one. Perhaps, too, his own special zest for London makes him too tender of vested interests in local government which need to be handled far more roughly. But my own feeling is clear that he is on top of his work, and that, as Minister, he is one of the half dozen supreme administrators this country has produced since Lord Haldane.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, as Minister of Economic Warfare, has a post the implications of which are now far more narrow than when he undertook it before the German conquest of France and the Low Countries. It is not easy to judge his work since almost all of it is of a necessarily confidential character. It is significant, I think, that Mr. Dalton who, before the formation of the Churchill government, was the best-hated Labour member in the House of Commons, has a very different reputation among the Tories to-day. They know that, not less than Mr. Churchill himself, he is out to beat Hitler; and they know that he has the special kind of energy the character of his post demands. No Labour Minister had so difficult a past to live down among his critics. My own judgment is that they recognise in him a formidable master of the art he requires for his function.

The outstanding fact about the Labour Ministers is the fullness of their unity and collaboration with the Prime Minister. Partly, that is the depth of the common danger they have confronted; partly, it is the wisdom of Mr. Churchill in paying great attention to their views in those fields of which they have special knowledge. Critics ask in bewilderment how Socialists can agree so well with a Prime Minister who, all his life, has been their ardent opponent. There is a very simple answer to this view. Mr. Churchill's one aim is victory, and to it he is prepared to sacrifice all the preconceptions of his past career. The one thing he asks of any proposal is what it contributes to victory.

I have left to the last the position of Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty. Since Mr. Churchill is himself Minister of Defence, and the greatest First Lord of modern times, it is inevitable that Mr. Alexander should, to some extent, be overshadowed by his greater colleague. But the Navy has great confidence both in Mr. Alexander

## Hitler's Hidden Weakness

Mr. Cordell Hull, to back his belief in the coming victory of the British Empire, has declared that the German armies are spread very thin. It is indeed true. There are German armies in France, in Belgium, in Holland, in Norway, in Denmark, in Poland, in Hungary, in Rumania, in Italy. We do not know how many, but the total of these armies of occupation must be at least two million men.

The problem of victualling them is rendered easier by the fact that they batten on the conquered or intimidated territories. But they must be supplied with many things which they cannot obtain locally:

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transport equipment, military stores, petrol, special foodstuffs. This requires a tremendous organisation of transport and supply, itself a heavy drain on Germany's national manpower.

It is likely, moreover, that these occupying troops have to be frequently changed. The atmosphere of cold-shouldering or open hostility in which they move among the subjugated or subordinate peoples is intensely demoralising. Furthermore, they are in danger, in such circumstances, of hearing the truth about the war from the British radio or other non-Nazi sources. An expeditionary force in a fever-ridden tropical zone, where white men could not long keep their health and vigour, would not be more difficult to maintain than Hitler's garrisons in conquered countries.

Hitler's problems of lines of communication are wholly different from those of the British Empire. Our lines are like limbs—healthy, wieldable instruments of action, even if they are exposed to fracture. His are like the veins and arteries of a bloated and dropsical body. His empire is overgrown flesh rather than bone and muscle.

Yet we must not be deluded into underrating his strength. By summoning his forces to a particular point he can, for the time being, deploy an immense concentration of power. Those two million or more troops of occupation are but a fraction of his total armies. Their existence does not prevent him from gathering together an expeditionary force for an attack on Great Britain or Ireland or a march into yet unoccupied territory in Europe.

It is in the more distant future, when Hitler's great effort of 1941 has been repelled, and when the Empire's striking power is steadily growing, that they may prove a fatal weakness. It will be then that the resistance of the subjugated peoples will be at its most effective. Hitler may then be faced with the choice between withdrawing his forces from the scene of each national uprising and sending still more soldiers to hold it down. That would be a choice between conserving his strength at the expense of his prestige and conserving his prestige at the expense of his strength. It would be the beginning of the end.

The iron ring of British world power is slowly closing upon the Nazis. Inside is still another ring, immobile now but ready to crush the inner kernel of Hitlerism when the ripe moment comes. It is composed of the imprisoned peoples of Europe who will one day turn upon their gaolers. Then will the Nazis learn with sickening clarity that a prison-house can entomb its own creators.

der's judgment of persons, and in his grasp of the large aspects of strategy. He has filled a vital role with delicacy and vigour.

All-in-all, the position is not unsatisfactory. The great tests, of course, have still to come, when the problems of peace and reconstruction begin to loom. In the face of immense peril, Mr. Churchill has taught his colleagues to work with a single mind to victory. That, in itself, is a vital service to the future of civilisation.

If no one had tried to fly, or if no one had tried to establish a reign of law—well, what?



# NAZI PRESS ADMITS U.S.A. HOSTILITY

## HIS "SAFE" SHELTER HIT

THERE IS NO DEARTH of German comment on United States affairs in the press or in other mediums of expression these days. The ban that kept virtually all such comment from the newspapers for the last twelve months or more has now apparently been lifted and the plain language of American statesmen and other personalities finds its answer in plain language employed on the German side.

The result is that the man in the street is now learning much about the deterioration of relations between his country and the United States during the period when the German legions marched to victory over Western Europe, isolated Britain, battered her cities and brought the successful conclusion of the war within apparent reaching distance.

The German citizen now is learning that there is yet another power overseas that during the late Summer months passed from a state of neutrality to a state of non-belligerency without his being aware of it, and now stands openly on the side of Britain. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" writes today:

"We admit that Mr. Roosevelt, his government and his adherents, even the by no means small portion of his opponents, are not only trying morally to stiffen British resistance; we admit that America is not only thinking of the inheritance that sooner or later will fall to her, but that the will to preserve England from catastrophe through as extensive aid as possible must be designated plainly as an American desire."

### Hitler's Warning Repeated

The paper adds that the United States is now "England's only

hope" and that for Britain American aid represents the difference between collapse and a chance for victory. It indicates the possibility that American aid might not be limited to placing arms at Britain's disposal, but might include the transportation of these arms to Britain on United States ships and under United States convoy.

Germany's attitude toward such a situation is made clear by the "Frankfurter Zeitung." It indicates no plan for German counter-attack against such extensive aid, beyond Reichsfuehrer Hitler's statement that "any ships that come before our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed." However, it expresses once more the German conviction that United States aid will come too late to save Britain and that "no power on earth can preserve Britain from her fate."

"It is the aim of warfare to destroy the fighting power of the opponent, to destroy his means of defence and his physical power," the editorial continues. "We are not in a situation where we have to depend only on a single means and a single method, but we have several troops in the fire that supplement and even surpass each other."

"The situation of the enemy is entirely different; all his methods and means have dwindled to a single one, which is: hold out until America comes to save England. Only the hope of America is left to the English. They say that themselves."

On the prospect of United States aid to Britain, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" writes further: "The world must confirm that we Germans are watching the American attitude with a composure that could be surpassed only with difficulty. In contrast, the urgency of the English cries for help permits of certain definite conclusions as to the English situation. On one side stands England, saying 'Without you Americans we are lost; on the other stands Germany, saying that no power on earth can preserve England from her fate.'"

### Skepticism Seen In U.S.

United States judgment of the situation is regarded by the "Frankfurter Zeitung," on the basis of the various declarations made before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as negative for Britain. These declarations, the paper says, "while certainly not uniform, express only the negative opinion that if the United States does not help energetically, and immediately England is lost."

"The average American is by no means of the opinion that with American aid England will win the war—that is to say, will conquer Germany," it continues. "That is, in any case, a difference and, one may say, a big difference."

"The English are concerned less with the aid bill than with quick and actual aid. Here again a difference can be detected that is likewise not small—namely, the fact that the aid bill and very quick and extensive American production (and then assured shipping of material to Britain) are by no means one and the same thing."

"This aid bill has the quality of acting as a veil drawn before tangible reality, before the fact that American aid will come too

"You and baby can come home now. I have found a safe shelter," wrote a London husband to his young wife evacuated to the country.

She returned, and one Saturday night for the first time, he took them to his chosen refuge—the basement of a block of offices.

That night the building was bombed, and searchers abandoned hope for the people trapped, who included the mother and baby.

The shelter was described as "one of the best equipped in the borough." Nine people were rescued on the Sunday, but the majority, including sales managers of the firm and poor people from an adjacent block of tenements, were trapped under great chunks of concrete.

### Saved By His Thirst

One man employed by the firm had spent every night at the shelter since the heavy London raids began. On that Saturday night he went to visit his mother in the East End.

Another employee, who was on fire duty, said: "If my thirst had held out for half a minute longer, I would not be here now. I went down the road for a glass of beer, and as I entered the public house I heard the crash of the bombs on our building."

Some bodies were brought out from the ruins of the London subway hit in Saturday night's raid. Search is continuing amid the tons of masonry.

Nothing recognisable remains of the subway, apart from the general outline. Within the crater was a tangle of boulders, slabs of roadway weighing up to half a ton, and wrecked steelwork.

From above a hundred Royal Engineers, Pioneers and demolition workers in the crater looked as if they were pigmies.

late and that, furthermore, transportation of material to England will not be very easy."

### U.S. Convoys Expected

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" goes on to say that "Roosevelt's opponents believe that quite different things may also be concealed behind that veil namely that Roosevelt, in order to 'save the democracies,' may not only repeal the laws that hitherto meant the protection of American neutrality; that he does not wish to limit himself to opening American harbours and ship yards to British vessels, but that he will do what he hitherto promised he did not want to do, namely, relieve the British of the worries about the security of the transports to England."

"Roosevelt's opponents fear his policy will draw America automatically into the war and think, among other things, specifically of this possibility and its unavoidable results," the editorial says. "They ask, therefore, what will happen if Roosevelt sends American ships into an ocean zone that he hitherto himself has avoided as being highly dangerous?"

"Adolf Hitler gives them the answer: the Germans will fire at them."

To this the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" adds:

"Germany does not regard steamers with war materials for England as vessels of idealism, but as vessels with war materials that are to be used against Germany. To sink them is no insult to American idealism, but measure of practical reason for the protection of women and children in German cities on whose heads the American deliveries are to be thrown down, once they reach their destination."

"The Fuehrer's speech showed Americans that 'we' interpret America's readiness to aid Britain just as unsentimentally as it is meant."



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# HEROISM BY YOUNG MAN WINS MEDAL FOR HIS BRIDE'S WEDDING PRESENT

A YOUNG MAN who jestingly promised his sweetheart a medal for her wedding present, won one for heroism in an air raid.

The award is embarrassing William Albert Dunn, twenty-eight, of Bebington, Cheshire, so much that he refuses to leave the house.

His fiancée, Miss Freda Wright, is receiving the congratulations of friends for him.

Mr. Dunn is a voluntary dispatch rider for the Cheshire Constabulary. The medal of the Civil Division of the O.B.E. was awarded to him for gallantry in rescuing Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brooks, of Port Sunlight, and their daughter, Betty, ten, when trapped in the wreckage of their home.

During a blitz Mr. Dunn was out on duty when an H.E. demolished several houses.

A policeman and civilian tried to rescue the family, but were overcome by coal gas from a burst main.

Two hours Mr. Dunn burrowed with his bare hands and the butt end of his torch to reach the family.

Mrs. Brooks was buried under an upturned table and a six-foot square slab of concrete.

With the help of a civilian, Mr. Dunn levered the concrete up and sawed through the table.

He saved Betty, first by cutting off her hair, which was pinned under a large clock, and then by crawling with her through the tunnels. She was suffering from shock.

Mrs. Brooks, whose leg was broken, told a reporter:

"I shall never be able to thank Mr. Dunn enough for saving our lives."

"Dunn is a hero", one of his friends said.

"He seemed to possess the strength of ten."

Mr. Dunn, slightly built and dark, is foreman to a building contractor.

"The present fuss is a dashed sight worse than any blitz," he said.

"Anyway we hope to get married about Easter, so I shall have a present for my bride after all."

## TROOPS' WIVES PROBLEM

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Should wives of soldiers live near the camps or barracks where their husbands are stationed? Nowadays women are following their menfolk to their military centres in increasing numbers, and Army opinion is divided on the wisdom of allowing the practice.

Regular Army officers usually say that it is not in the best interests of a regiment to have officers and men distracted by domestic affairs while on active service.

One retired Territorial officer summarises the position as follows:—

"The movement of wives to areas in which their husbands are quartered is a difficult proposition and on the whole not to be encouraged, especially when such areas are considered to be dangerous, and consequently have been evacuated by the ordinary inhabitants."

"Movements of troops, however, cause changes in residence to be frequent. I am afraid that officers are the principal offenders, if one may call it such, and the other ranks cannot be blamed for following their example."

That one battalion of a famous regiment does not discourage wives from living in its vicinity is shown by the fact that it has a club for them.

The commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the London Scottish states in the Regimental Gazette:

"So many married members of the battalion, of all ranks, have taken the opportunity of our present peaceful surroundings to set up in double harness again that we have been able to start a small Ladies' Club."

"It is hoped that in the New Year meetings will continue and that it will enable new friendships to be made."

Officially the War Office attitude is that the practice is a matter of personal concern for the officers and men and their families.



Practical is the word for Bonita Granville's topcoat in vibrant green tweed. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress soon to be seen in "Escape" and "Gallant Sons," dons the coat to top a beige wool frock. An interesting note is the wide belt in soft kid. A tiny Scotch cap completes the ensemble.

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Among those who attended at the Windsor Labour Exchange for registration with the 1994 class was the Chief Constable of Windsor, Mr. Ralph Wellings — one of the youngest Chief Constables in the country.

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## AIR WATCH ON PACIFIC

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Giant flying boats and seaplanes fly hundreds of miles out over the Pacific on patrol duty or guarding convoys. The pilots who are selected for this work have to undergo special training, for they require knowledge of several branches of nautical science. They are sent to the Seaplane Training School at Jericho Beach, on the Pacific coast, for a course.

Here they learn the technique of taking off from or landing on water; how to handle a flying boat on the surface against tides, currents or a heavy sea; the rule of the road at sea; navigation and signal codes, including the Navy wireless code, for communication with naval vessels and shore stations.

The training includes practice patrols over 400 or 500 miles of ocean, during which the men take part in anti-submarine operations and convoy protection, and learn the methods of search, ship recognition and sea reconnaissance. They must also become proficient in practical photography.

The freedom of the Pacific Coast so far from enemy activity makes it an ideal training ground for flying boat pilots. Later these men will be helping to guard the sea borne traffic of the Empire.

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The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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Water Authority.  
Public Works Department,  
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,  
Manager.  
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

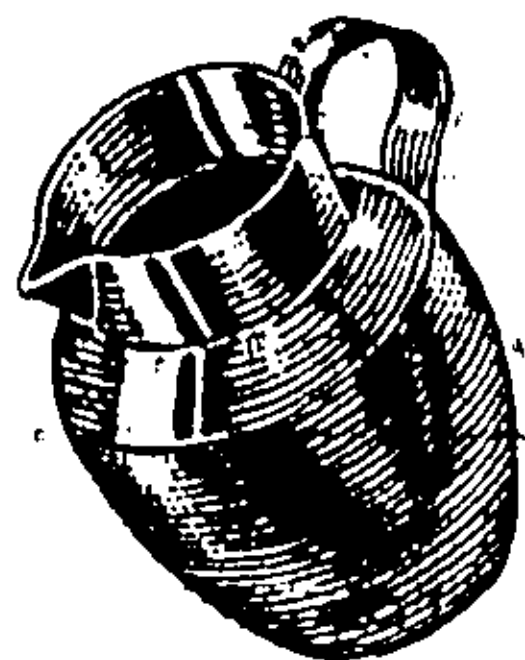
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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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## BRIDGE NO. 1

### TWO CHANCES MISSED

#### By The Four Aces

"We missed a game in this hand," writes a Chicago fan, "and we can't agree where we went wrong. Surely someone must have underbid, or is this one of those rare hands in which a makeable game is unbidable?"

South, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 9 5  
♥ A J  
♦ 9 7 6 2  
♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ 7 6  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ K J 8 3  
♣ K 10 6

♠ J 4  
♥ 6 3  
♦ A 10 5 4  
♣ A J 8 7 2

♠ A K 10 8 3 2  
♥ Q 10 9 5 2  
♦ Q  
♣ 6

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1NT   | Pass |
| 2♦    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| Pass  | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

"I was South and made eleven tricks because the King of hearts was held by West. But even if it had been held by East, there would still have been ten cold tricks. North says my distribution was good enough for one more try; and that he'd have gone to four spades if I'd gone to three. But North's bidding sounded so weak to me that I wasn't even sure we could make two spades, let alone four. Where did we go astray?"

We have to agree with South that North's bidding was too weak to encourage him to make a third bid. While a defeat at two spades seems a little remote, there is no assurance of being able to make three spades if North's weak bidding is really representative of his hand.

North had two chances to assist his partner reach the game. At his first opportunity, two spades would be a better choice than one no-trump. Such a bid does not promise any greater high-card strength, but it does promise a positive fit for spades rather than the more or less neutral fit which North actually indicated by his bidding. That promise of trump support, indicated by the immediate raise, would have enabled

## LABOUR SACKS MAN WHO SIGNED MANIFESTO

Alderman Sidney Jones, of Blackwood, Mon., who has been told that he has been expelled from the National Labour Party because he signed the manifesto of the People's Convention, said that the manifesto contained six points to which no believer in Democracy could have objected.

Alderman Jones, who is a miners' agent, added:

"It appears that the instruction regarding the Peoples' Convention being proscribed was not known until the movement had widely developed."

Alderman Jones has also been told that he is no longer a member of the Labour group of Monmouthshire County Council, and Bedwellty Divisional Labour Party.

South to reach a game. But having bid only one no-trump, North should have gone to three spades over South's bid of two hearts. That would indicate maximum strength for the no-trump response and a good spade fit.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | You | Maier |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1♥     | Pass     | 1♠  | Pass  |
| 2♠     | Pass     | (?) | Pass  |

ANSWER: Pass. You have a pretty weak hand and your partner's bidding indicates not much more than a minimum opening bid. Game is extremely unlikely, and two spades is as good a spot as any at which to play the hand.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

### Question No. 674

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ 10 4  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

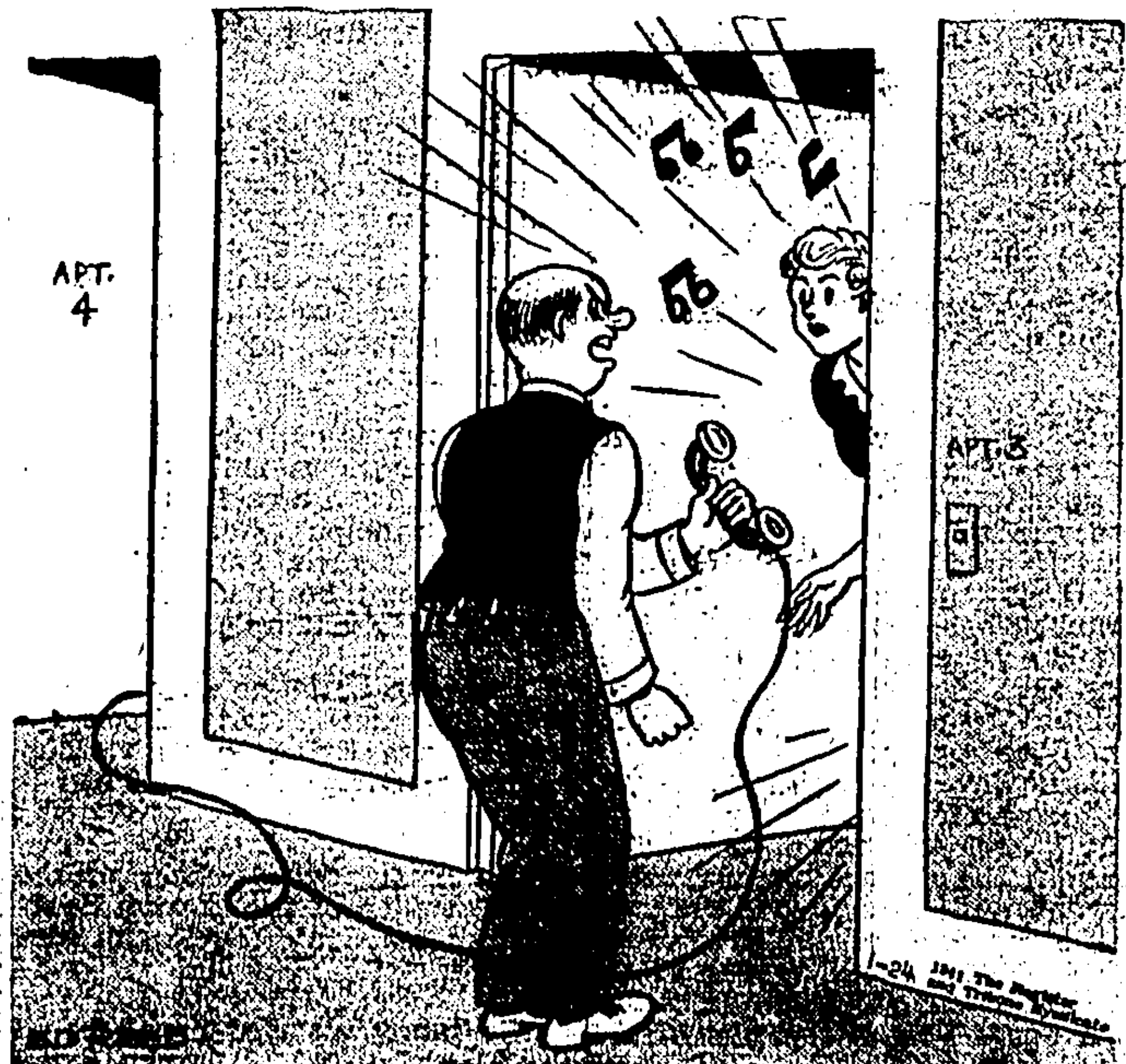
| Maier | Schenken | You | Jacoby |
|-------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1♥    | Pass     | 1♠  | Pass   |
| 2♠    | Pass     | (?) | Pass   |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## OFF THE RECORD

By ED NEED



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# Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Permanent Wave Investment

It is better to get one good permanent wave a year than to get two or three or four poor ones. Even though during the last two months of the year your hair may look sort of wilted!

When spring comes women yearn for a new wave but unless your old wave has pretty well grown out wait a month longer. Any permanent wave takes better on virgin hair, you know. Of course if your hair is long enough so that the remains of the old wave may be cut off without making you look scalped, then you may go ahead with your plans.

Even though some hairdressers have tried to convince me that hair can be re-permanented (new wave over an old one) I have yet to be shown the successful head on which this was tried. It is better to get your wave on hair that has never before been waved. Have patience until the old curl has grown out.

### Hunt No Bargains

You should consider your permanent as an investment in your beauty and get the best wave you can afford. Go to the very best hairdresser you know of for a hair shaping and wave. And if you can possibly do so, go to him at least once before



IDA LUPINO, lovely Warner star, shows how to transform a stunning evening hairdress into a flattering daytime coiffure. Such versatility is possible only when the hair is naturally curly or boasting the best of permanent waves.

that for a shampoo and setting so he can determine what hair texture you have.

That is important, for every manufacturer of permanent waving processes will warn you that the success of your wave depends greatly upon the competence of the operator to whom you trust your head, and his knowledge of your hair's peculiarities.

Of course, prices of good permanent waves vary according to where you are living. In a large city, for instance, where overhead is high a good permanent is likely to cost from fifteen dollars up. A permanent on ends only from ten dollars up. In smaller towns where rents are lower the same wave may be had for a few dollars less.

### Other Warnings

Tinted or dyed hair is more difficult to handle, naturally, and in all fairness to your operator you should confess what product you have been using and how fre-

quently you use it on your hair. Then he may better determine the type of lotion and the amount of heat you need.

Also bear in mind that every permanent wave process has different timing so unless you get the same brand of permanent year in and year out do not attempt to give your operator timing instructions. The only one instruction you should give him — and insist upon him following — is to give you a test curl. A test curl takes more time but if you are buying a good wave you are paying for time.

Never go for a wave when you are not feeling fit. Your body's state reacts on your hair. Wait until you feel well and strong because you want a glossy, soft curl which will make you much more beautiful than you were before you got it!

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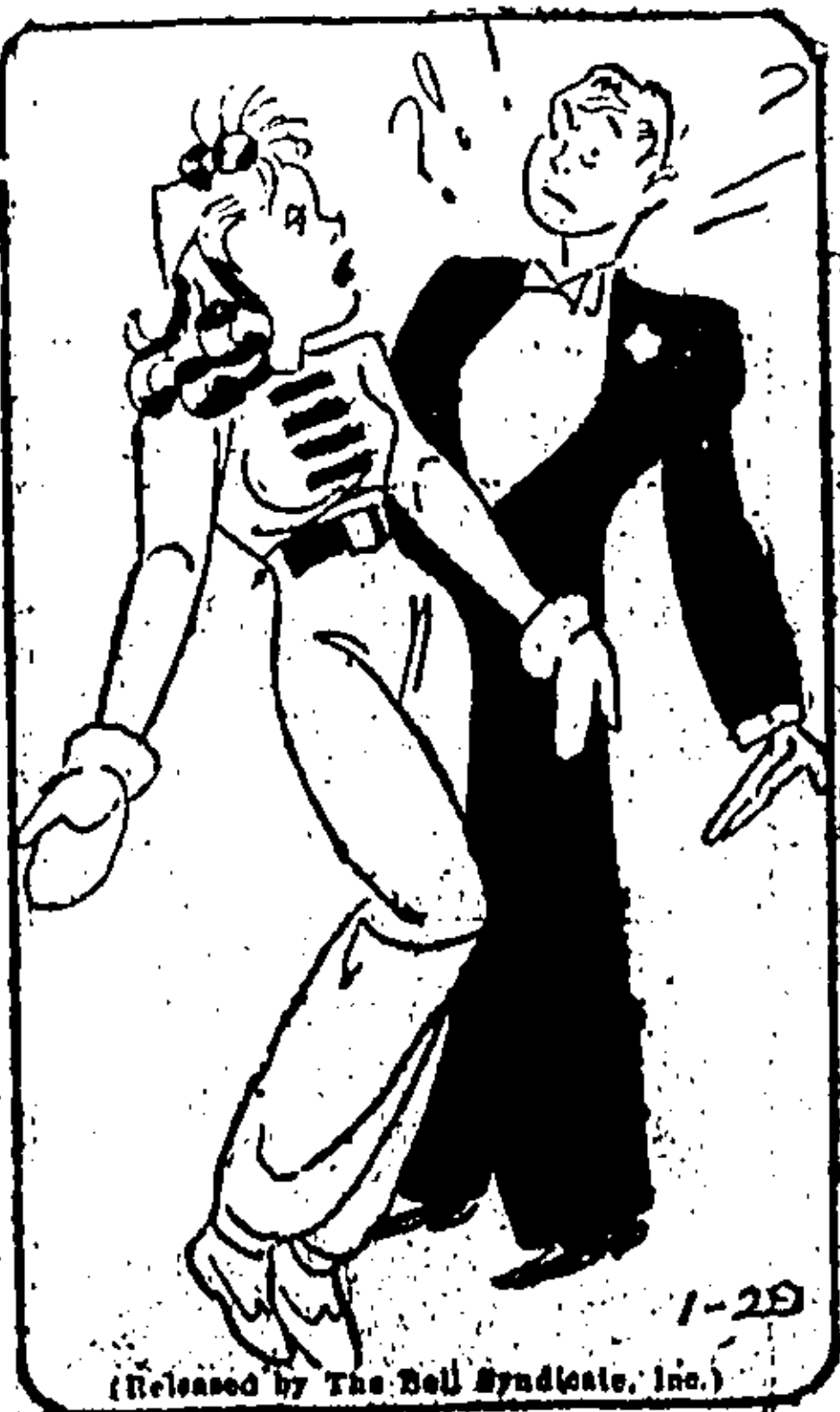
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 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.  
 1.01 p.m.—Band of H.M. Royal Marines with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). The Great Little Army (Alford); The Contemptibles—March (Stanley). The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division. When the Sergeant Major's On Parade (Long-staffe). When the Guards Go Marching By (Baker). Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Hornpipe Bill the Bo'sun (from 'The Drowsy Dustman Suite'). Frank White, arr. Alford; Nautical Moments—March Fantasy (arr. Winter). The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division. Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison). Full Sail (Graves-Buck). Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Royal Review—Quick March (Bassett-Silver). The Standard of St. George—Quick March (Alford). The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division.  
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.  
 Comedians—Ye B.B.C. ... Flanagan and Allen with Orchestra. Piano—Medley—Intro: My dance; Marie Louise; It's easy to remember... Len Green with String Bass and Drums. Vocal—Undecided (Robin-Shavers); If I Were Sure of You (from 'Cotton Club Parade')... The Dandridge Sisters with Orchestra. Organ—Musical Comedy Medley—Intro: Please don't flirt with me; Waltz from 'Gipsy Love'; Waltz from 'Count of Luxembourg'; The Love Nest; Waltz and Finale from 'The Merry Widow'... Sidney Gustard. Comedian—Pancho's Widow (film 'Dodge City Trail'); Even A Crooner Must Eat (Phillips & Others)... Max Bacon with Orch.  
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
 5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
 6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Meyerbeer. Marche Aux Flambeaux... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Oh Paradiso (from 'L'Africana')... Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra. Le Prophete—Coronation March; Torch Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major... State Opera Orchestra. Shadow Song (Soprano) with Orchestra. Scherzo—Les Patineurs... Louis Kentner (Piano).  
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
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 7.30 p.m.—Half an hour with Irving Berlin.  
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The reduction will be worked out according to the number of weeks they did not pay contributions—the weeks they spent imprisoned in the Altmärk.

The subject is to be raised in the House of Commons by Mr. Ben Smith, Socialist M.P. for Rotherhithe.

His question concerns other seamen saved from captivity, in addition to those from the Altmärk.

The seamen point out that if they remained in Nazi hands until the end of the war they would not have to pay contributions during their imprisonment, and would become entitled to full benefits immediately they were released.

Mr. W. R. Spence, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said:

"It is purely a matter of adjustment, and we have asked Mr. Smith to raise the matter in the House so that it can be settled as quickly as possible. We feel certain the Ministry of Health do not intend these men to be penalised in this way."

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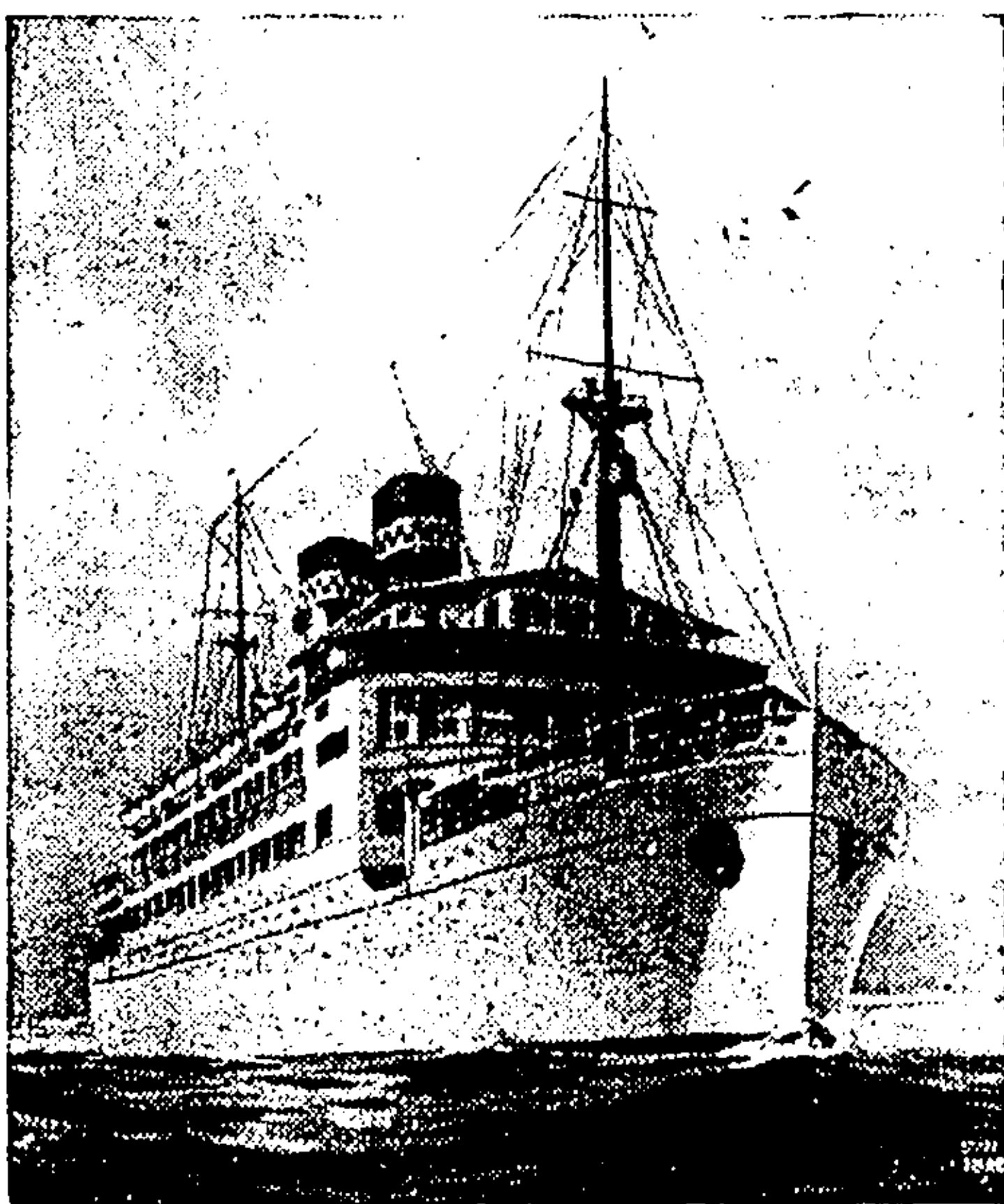
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Mr. L. B. Chao scored a personal triumph by riding three winners to head the list of successful jockeys, while honours among owners went to the Marber Stable with two winners.

The first race, the Randwick Plate (First Section), resulted in an easy win for Jus Gentium (Mr. Black). Casino (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) took the lead followed by Macy (Mr. Sequeira) and Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen). On nearing the Half Mile Post Angel of Glory led with Sunspot (Mr. Chui) second while Jus Gentium was running nicely in about the fifth position. Immediately after round the Village Bend, Mr. Black sent his pony forward to second position, displacing Sunspot, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) following, and on coming into the straight Jus Gentium went after Angel of Glory which it overhauled near the Distance Post and continued on to win by two lengths from Snow White, which came up with a terrific burst of speed to take second place.

Seal River (Mr. Hearne) just nosed out Angel of Glory for third place. For its win Jus Gentium paid \$5.10 which is the lowest win dividend so far this year, the previous lowest return being \$5.40 paid by Distant View (Pih) in the Chater Cup.

#### Charlesber At Last!

The second race, The Lotter Stakes, for non-winning China griffins of this season over six furlongs, saw Charlesber (Mr. Chao) redeeming itself when it won easily.

When the barrier went up, Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis) went into the lead, followed by Raconteur (Mr. Tao), Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) and Charlesber. Passing the Half Mile Post Iron Beauty took command followed by Raconteur and Charlesber, and on rounding the bend Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) displaced Raconteur for the third position. On entering the home straight Mr. Chao urged Charlesber on to overhaul Iron Beauty, which it passed near the Distance Post. Although the latter put up a fight for a while it was no match. Odeon (Mr. Sequeira) had the better of Lovely View (Mr. Pih) to pay \$62.60 for its third placing, this being the second best place dividend of the afternoon.

#### Favourite Wins Again

The third race, The Randwick Plate (Second Section), saw yet

another favourite romp home to a comfortable win. High Hat (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start followed by National Blessings (Mr. Tao), Daylight (Mr. Wei) and the favourite, Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

After passing the Six Furlong Post the order was still the same but, after passing the Half Mile Post, Corsair was sent up to take the lead, which it maintained to the end.

Meanwhile Bona Vacantia (Mr. S. W. Lee), which had been lying fourth, came through with a burst of speed to take second place from Daylight.

#### Connie's Fine Finish

The Moonee Ponds Handicap for "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941, saw Lady Northcote's Devonian (Mr. Black), the favourite, make a great effort to win, but Connieber (Mr. Chao) proved the better pony.

At the outset Pumpnickel (Mr. Tang) was leading, followed by Franklin (Mr. Yuen), Derby Day (Mr. Chui Ki-tan) and Devonian.

On reaching the Half Mile Post Franklin took the lead for a while with Derby Day second, and on reaching the Rock Mr. Black sent Devonian out in front and so well was it running that a win was indicated. However, this was not to be, as Connieber came down the straight strongly and after overtaking Devonian, went on to win by two lengths.

Meanwhile Rowan (Mr. Hearne) also came up with a rush but Devonian just managed to stave off its challenge for second place by a neck. His Excellency led in Devonian and was given a warm ovation.

#### Black Seal Redeems Itself

After its numerous failures during the Annual Meeting, Black Seal, under the care of Mr. Needa for the first time, was made hot favourite in the Randwick Plate (Third Section), which was the first leg of the "Daily Double." This time it did not disappoint.

Fresh Air (Mr. Pan) and Strathalbyn (Mr. Treverton) went out together immediately on the rise of the barrier and they raced alongside each other until the Football Stands were passed when Strathalbyn gave up the struggle. Fresh Air continued merrily, followed by Bendigo (Mr. Black), Black Seal and The Koala Bear (Mr. Tang).

This order was maintained until rounding the bend, when Mr. Needa sent Black Seal forward to pass the leaders and, once in the lead, in the Straight, it was never in danger of being caught, although The Koala Bear made a determined challenge within the last 50 yards. It had to be satisfied with being second. Bendigo was third.

#### Big Race: Big Upset

The main event of the day was the Melbourne Cup, for Australian Ponies that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941.

The race resulted in a big upset when Endeavour, cleverly ridden by Mr. Peter Wei, won fairly easily and as a result this combination paid \$160.00 for a win ticket, this return being the second best so far this year, the previous best being Racylight's (Noodt) \$171.20 in the Victoria Stakes.

The race started with Australian Diamond (Mr. Chang) running away. It was followed by Coloomba (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis), and Endeavour, with the remainder of the field in a procession far behind. The same order was maintained for the first mile and on reaching the winning post for the second time Australian Diamond was still running strongly, well ahead of the others, and it looked as if it had a good chance of winning.

After passing the Rock in the final run home, it was still leading but Coloomba and Marsh Warbler fell out of the race and it was then that Endeavour asserted itself.

Coming into the Straight Australian Diamond was still leading, through tiring fast. It was overhauled by Endeavour near the Distance Post, the latter going on to win by four lengths, with Viceroy third another three lengths behind.

In winning this race Endeavour gave us a glimpse of its ability over long distances on a hard track, and Sapper, the reigning Champion, will have to be at its best if they happen to clash.

Australian Diamond paid \$70.20 for its second placing, this being the best place return of the afternoon.

#### Mr. Black's Fine Judgment

The Broadmeadows Handicap, over one mile for "C" Class Australian ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double", and here again the favourite, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), failed.

The race itself was devoid of interest immediately Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) took command on rounding the bend, and although Mr. Needa tried very hard, he had to admit defeat by a neck. Cocklerol (Mr. Davis) was third, three lengths behind. Shuttlecock rewarded its 241 "Double" backers with \$42.60 each for their \$5.00 bet.

#### Unseated, Then Wins

The Randwick Plate (Fourth Section) for non-winning subscription griffins of this season provided another upset, Mr. Chao bringing in Optima Fide to win, to pay \$45.20, the second best win dividend of the afternoon. A Rosy Time (Mr. Black) and Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne), which commanded practically all the support, finished second and third, respectively, to Optima Fide.

Tobaccochip (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start and set a fast pace in an unsuccessful attempt at a run-away win, failing through lack of stamina. It was overhauled on rounding the Village Bend by A Rosy Time, Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Optima Fide.

With A Rosy Time and Royal Sovereign fighting neck and neck for supremacy, it was noticed that the latter, on coming into the Straight, had bored out considerably, and as a result faded out of the race.

In the meantime Optima Fide came up fast and overtook A Rosy Time near the Half Mile Post, then went on to win by half a length from Sydney Lady, which put up a last minute burst to snatch second place from A Rosy Time by a neck.

Prior to the start Mr. Chao was unseated just outside the paddock on the way to the starting gate, but luckily the rider was unhurt, and remounted to score an excellent win.

#### Oracle's Record Run

The last race of the day, the Oakleigh Plate for non-winning Australian ponies (griffins) of the

## FONG CHI-HUNG BETTERS INTER-SCHOOL RECORD

DESPITE THE HEAVY track after the recent rain, no fewer than six records were smashed at the Wah Yan College Annual Athletic Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The highlight of the day was when Fong Chi-hung broke the record for Senior Pole Vault when he cleared 10 feet thus smashing not only the school's record of 9 feet 8 inches, but the Inter School's mark as well.

The other records were the "B" Grade Long Jump, "C" Grade Shot Putt, "A" Grade Shot Putt, "C" Grade 200 metres, "B" Grade High Jump. The "A" Grade 100 metres was equalled.

Fong Chi-hung won the school championship with 48½ points, while Wong Kwok-fei took the Junior Championship with 27½ points.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. M. B. Costello, president of the Catholic Women's League, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Following were the results:—

Hop, Step and Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 3. Lau Chi-kin (Green). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Hop, Step and Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Long Jump, "C" Grade:—1. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 2. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 3. Ng Yin-choy (Green). Distance: 15 ft. 10 in.

Shot Putt, "B" Grade:—1. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 2. Tse Shung-wai (Green); 3. Wong Yik-choy (Purple). Distance: 39 ft. 8½ in.

Long Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Lai Chung-ying (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in. (Record).

Shot Putt, "C" Grade:—1. Sze Chun-kee (Green); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Distance: 32 ft. 1½ in. (Record).

High Jump, "C" Grade:—1. Tong Pak-ho (Purple); 2. Tam Kam-ho (Blue). Height: 4 ft.

100 Metres, "C" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Lam Shiu-chung (Green). Time: 13.3/5 sec.

Pole Vault, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black); 3. Kwan Kam-pui (Blue). Height: 8 ft. 2 in.

100 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Chi-hung (Green); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Ho Cham-ying (White). Time: 11.4/5 sec. (Equals Record).

1,500 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Felix Fung (White); 2. Lee Kail-jum (Black); 3. Pak Ho-sheung (Green). Time: 5 min. 16.1/5 sec.

100 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 2. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 12.3/5 sec.

Shot Putt, "A" Grade:—1. Wong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Woo Sal-cheung (Black); 3. Wong Yiu-nin (White). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in. (Record).

200 Metres, "C" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Yuen Man-ping (Blue). Time: 28 sec. (Record).

500 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Felix Fung (Green). Time: 3 min. 30 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Senior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Yu Yick-leung; 2. Chan Yip-sun. Time: 28.3/5 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Junior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Yan Kwan-leung; 2. Mak Poshue. Time: 27.3/5 sec.

High Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Wong Yik-choy (Black). Height: 5 ft. 3 in. (Record).

400 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 2. Cheung Kati-pui (Black); 3. Chan Shiu-kei (Red). Time: 58.4/5 sec.

Three-Legged Race, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Pin-fun and Hui Siu-lam; 205 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Ho Sal-mang (Green); 3. Wong Man-shuen (Blue). Time: 28.2/5 sec.

High Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Wan Keli-hing (White). Height: 5 ft. 4½ in.

100 Metres (Open to the Junior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Wan Keli-hing (White). Time: 25.2/5 sec.

400 Metres Girls' Relay Race:—1. French Convent; 2. St. Mary's School. Long Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Cheung Kati-pui (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in.

800 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Cheung Kati-pui (Black); 2. Fung Kiu-hing (Green); 3. So Ping-sheung (Red). Time: 2 min. 18 sec.

200 Metres (Open to the Senior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Lung Yiu-han; 2. Wong Tse-cheung. Time: 26.3/5 sec.

Invitation Relay Race:—1. La Salle College; 2. King's College. Pole Vault, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black). Height: 10 ft. (Record).

50 Metres Low Hurdles, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Time: 14 sec.

80 Metres Middle Hurdles, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Li Wing-to (Black). Time: 13.2/5 sec.

110 Metres High Hurdles, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Keli-hing (White); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 19.4/5 sec.

Sack Race Relay, "C" Grade:—1. Fan Chung-hon (Purple); 2. Ma Shiu-lun (Green). Time: 50 sec.

400 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Lam Fui-leung (Green); 3. Cheung Lam-chi (Black). Time: 61.3/5 sec.

800 Metres (Open to the Colony):—1. Mr. Manson; 2. Mr. Ho Yik-shui. Time: 2 min. 13.3/5 sec.

200 Metres Old Boys' Race:—1. Lo Han-yun; 2. Cheung Ng-chau. Time: 25.2/5 sec.

Relay Race (Open to the Scouts of the 15th H.K.):—1. Ho Sal-man; 2. Wong Yik-choy.

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400 Metres, "C" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. Purple House; 2. "Red" House; 3. "White" House. Time: 62.1/5 sec.

400 Metres, "B" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. "Green" House; 2. "Black" House; 3. "Purple" House.

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# POOR FIELDING MARS NEEDLE SOFTBALL MATCH

## Canuckettes Lead For Two Innings

### Wildcats Score Four Runs In Third-Inning Rally

By "Grandstand"

THE LADIES' SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS DECIDED ON SUNDAY, WHEN THE WILDCATS ROLLED OVER THE CANADIAN CHINESE CUTIES 9-7 IN THEIR FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON, TO ANNEX THE SOUTHWARD SHIELD.

Whilst hurler Thelma Collaco was handcuffing the Canuckettes with three measly hits, her teammates collected eight safeties off Maple Leaf fireball tosser Mary Ng, five of which were bunched up in the third for a five-run uprising. Collaco fanned four and also walked four, whilst Mary Ng whiffed two and passed none.

In her seven innings on the mound, Thelma Collaco threw a total of 113 balls compared to Mary Ng's 92 pitches in six sessions.

Both teams were keved up to a highly nervous condition, and good fielding was not a feature of the game, the victors being guilty of 13 errors to the losers' seven.

The Maple Leafs threatened from the start, when they had two on bases on walks after two were gone, but Mary Ng hit into a force play for no gain. In the next chapter, however, Jay Wong was given a life on a miff and scored on Lily Lee's slow roller for the first Canadian run, whilst Dot Louie tallied again in the third frame on two Wildcat bobbles.

For the first two frames, the Canuckettes fielded tighter than the lid on a molasses jar as the Untamed Felines were retired in order without having so much as a smell of first base, but in the third stanza, the Wallowing Wildcats unleashed a five-hit attack to garner four markers and take the lead, then piling on another four counters in the next session on two hits assisted by four Maple Leaf miscues.

#### Late Rally

Booting five times in an erratic fielding display in the fifth, the Wildcats conceded two Canadian runs.

Trailing 9-4 in the last frame, the Canuckettes staged a spirited late-rally, but could only push across three markers, before the Wildcats went into a huddle and retired the side.

Wildcat third-sacker Gloria Mar connected for the only extra-base clout of the fracas with a two-bagger, whilst Jay Wong had four stolen bases to her credit. Eight Canuckettes died on the sacks as compared with the two stranded by the Wildcats.

#### Socorro Castro Shines

In the other game in the ladies loop, Wahos subdued the Panthers 13-7 in a five-inning tilt. Big Chief Therese Noronha toiled on the slab for the Owls and fanned two, whilst Lelia Xavier, hurling for the Pantherettes, sent three Owls down swinging with her tricky upshoots. Noronha issued free transportation to first to seven Panthers.

The Owls scored in every inning, and based their victory on two clusters of runs which totalled 10 in the first two frames.

Only one double-killing was made, when Socorro Castro clamped her hands on Lelia Xavier's hot liner and tossed Regina Xavier out at first.

Three baggers were belted in by Therese Noronha and Panther rookie gardener Patsy Ribeiro, the latter being hailed at the plate in attempting to stretch it into a homer.

#### Ladies' Internationals

Wahoo keystone Socorro Castro had a perfect day with the flickory returning a three in three performances, whilst Pantherette Hilda Soares also registered two in two. Both of these Castillos' safeties went for doubles.

It is understood that a team to represent Great Britain in the Ladies' International Softball series in being formed, and a practice has been arranged for to-morrow at Kowloon Football Club, whilst a meeting will be held at Club de Recreio at 6.30 p.m. this evening to discuss Portugal's entry. All those interested are invited to attend.

## BROWN PLAYS BIG PART IN BIG V.R.C. PLAY-OFF WIN

By "Grandstand"

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB claimed the right to be first holders of the Limjap trophy, emblematic of Second Division softball supremacy, when they dished out the most one-sided defeat of the season to the Chung Hwa Maroons, swamping them 16-3 in the Junior League play-off on Sunday.

V.R.C. slabster, Sonny "Jock" Brown, pitched his team to victory in a stellar mound performance, by turning out a three-hit job in which he whiffed three, passed one to first, and aided his own cause by banging out the only homer of the fracas with the bases clogged.

Chung Hwa hurler P. F. Choy pitched for four innings and was replaced by Al Lau on the hill in the fifth canto. Choy, who yielded six safeties during his tenure on the mound, struck out three, but issued seven free tickets to first, whilst chucker Lau was too liberal with his hits, allowing the Crusaders to nick him for three safeties in the fifth inning.

#### First Blood

Chung Hwa drew first blood when Bill Chang made second on a wild heave in the initial frame and scored on Choy's triple to deep right, but the Crusaders replied with a cluster of four markers in their turn with the bat, when hindsatcher Alex "Big Boy" Azedo came through with a base-clearing triple.

In the next frame P. K. Lau romped in on Brown's only wild pitch of the game for the second Chung Hwa marker, but the Victorians produced another four-run spurge on two hits to increase the lead.

Another Chung Hwa tally trickled over the plate when gardener Loney Luong drew a pass, pilfered second and scored on Azedo's wild heave.

For the rest of the tussle, the Maroons were blanked in one, two, three order, except in the seventh, when C. Y. Ho singled to centre, but was left stranded on second.

Chung Hwa pitcher shortstop

### LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

| SENIOR LEAGUE         |    |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|----|-------|
|                       | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| St. Joseph's          | 10 | 2  | .833  |
| Hong Kong Baseballers | 11 | 3  | .786  |
| Indians               | 10 | 3  | .769  |
| Recreio Aces          | 8  | 5  | .545  |
| Cyclones              | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Chinese Baseballers   | 5  | 7  | .417  |
| Filipinos             | 2  | 10 | .167  |
| Canadian Chinese      | 0  | 13 | .000  |

| JUNIOR LEAGUE   |    |    |       |
|-----------------|----|----|-------|
|                 | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| V.R.C.          | 10 | 1  | .909  |
| Chung Hwa       | 9  | 2  | .818  |
| Recreio Bees    | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| R.A.F.          | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| Coastopolitans  | 6  | 4  | .600  |
| Liga Portuguesa | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| South China     | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| Royal Scots     | 3  | 6  | .333  |
| 8th R.A.        | 3  | 7  | .300  |
| C.B.A.          | 1  | 8  | .111  |
| Royal Engineers | 0  | 7  | .000  |

| LADIES' LEAGUE       |    |    |       |
|----------------------|----|----|-------|
|                      | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| Wildcats             | 13 | 1  | .929  |
| Canadian Chinese     | 12 | 2  | .857  |
| Wahos                | 10 | 4  | .714  |
| Cardinals            | 8  | 6  | .571  |
| Baby Panthers        | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Recreio Ramblerettes | 4  | 10 | .286  |
| Chung Hwa            | 1  | 13 | .071  |
| Little Flowers       | 1  | 13 | .071  |

| INTER-HONG LEAGUE |    |    |       |
|-------------------|----|----|-------|
|                   | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| Hong Kong Bankers | 5  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Shell Oilers      | 3  | 1  | .750  |
| Taxaco Oilers     | 2  | 2  | .667  |
| Lacas             | 2  | 2  | .500  |
| Chartered Bankers | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Cables            | 0  | 4  | .000  |
| Greenspots        | 0  | 5  | .000  |

### SENIOR LEAGUE

## MOHAWKS BEAT CANUCKS

By "Grandstand"

Shellacking Cyclone hurler Pinky Pineda for 15 safeties, the Chinese Baseballers triumphed over the Cyclones 9-3 in a game devoid of interest.

Two expensive wild heaves by Cyclone hindsatcher Ahdor Rumjahn in the first chapter gave the Chinese Baseballers a two-run lead, whilst a batting rampage in the second netted the Liumen four more counters. Taking advantage of three Chinese miscues in the second, the Cyclones chalked up two runs, and managed one more tally, when Barney Abbas dented the counting station on three successive bobbles.

Denham Cray, who went the route for the Chinese Baseballers, whiffed seven and walked three, whilst the Cyclone twirler passed one, and fanned none. The big guns of the offensive were Nip Lum and John Fisher, both of whom batted safely three times in four batting chances, but it was Cyclone centre-gardener, "Sunburn" Omar, who stole the thunder when he shoestrung Nip Lum's bingle over second base to rob him of a perfect batting day.

Although Omar was fanned in his first trip to the plate, he atoned for it by cracking out a single.

#### Mohawks Win

Behind the two-hit pitching of Johnson, the Mohawks humiliated the Canadian Chinese 10-1 to preserve their flickering pennant hopes. Bill Woo, toeing the rubber for the Canucks, was found for 11 blows, of which seven were bunched up in the first for eight (count 'em) Mohawk runs, whilst Johnson walked two in his initial mound performance.

Pete Fitch poled out the longest hit of the game with a triple, which would have been a four-bagger had he not stumbled between first and second. Johnnie Shaberg, Fitch and Davis were also good for a double apiece.

### CUP FINAL POSTPONED

The Final of the "Artillery Soccer Cup" between 20th R.A. and 30th R.A. which was to be played to-day has been postponed.

### SERVICE CORPS' CRICKET WIN

Royal Army Service Corps defeated Royal Corps of Signals by 84 runs in the Semi-Final of the Small Units Cricket Knock Out Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Scores:—

| R.A.S.C.                         |    |  |
|----------------------------------|----|--|
| L/Cpl. Logan, c Love, b Murphy   | 52 |  |
| Cpl. Young, b Dixon              | 28 |  |
| Sgt. French, l.b.w., b Dixon     | 0  |  |
| Capt. Dewar, b Murphy            | 2  |  |
| Sgt. Hamlen, not out             | 7  |  |
| Sgt. Benford, b Murphy           | 0  |  |
| Lieut. Howell, c Dixon, b Murphy | 0  |  |
| Cpl. Glen, c Dixon, b Murphy     | 0  |  |
| L/Cpl. Gavler, c Lees, b Dixon   | 1  |  |
| Sgt. Martin, st., b Murphy       | 27 |  |
| Sgt. Mason, b Murphy             | 2  |  |
| Extras (B5, LB4)                 | 9  |  |

Total

Bowling Analysis

|        | O.   | M. | R. | W. |
|--------|------|----|----|----|
| Dixon  | 13   | 2  | 58 | 3  |
| Murphy | 12.1 | 0  | 59 | 7  |

#### SIGNALS

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Benford, c Hamlen, b Dewar   | 6  |
| Sharland, c Logan, b Dewar   | 1  |
| Murphy, l.b.w., b Young      | 6  |
| Tomlinson, st., b Martin     | 1  |
| Dixon, b Young               | 8  |
| Mr. Buckle, b Young          | 0  |
| Copsey, not out              | 4  |
| Pitcher, st. Hamlen, b Dewar | 6  |
| Lithauer, l.b.w., b Young    | 0  |
| Love, b Young                | 0  |
| Lees, st., b Dewar           | 0  |
| Extras (B9, NB1)             | 10 |

Total

Bowling Analysis

|        | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------|----|----|----|----|
| Dewar  | 12 | 4  | 22 | 4  |
| Young  | 6  | 1  | 8  | 5  |
| Martin | 5  | 1  | 4  | 1  |

### YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's Badminton Championship:—

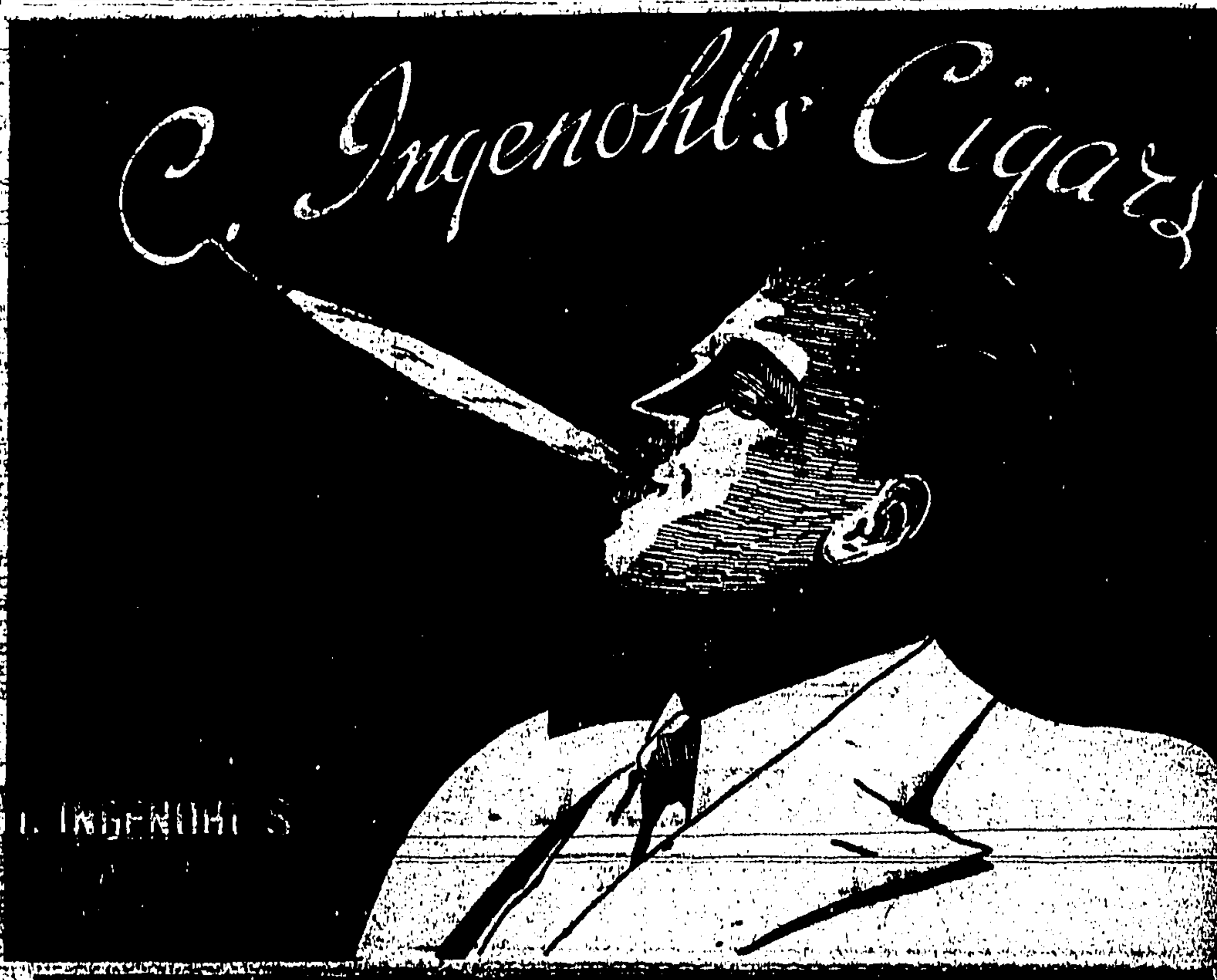
#### JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth beat R. M. Lavalie and N. A. Beltrao 15-3, 15-1.

#### JUNIOR SINGLES

J. Odell beat M. Talan, 17-14, 15-9.

P. A. Yvanovich received a walkover from H. Dingsdale.





# ADVANCE ON HARRAR

## Imperial Forces Now Within 20 Miles

### Thrusting Through The Marda Pass

THE BRITISH AND Imperial forces thrusting westwards from Jijiga in Abyssinia through the newly-conquered Marda Pass have reached points within 20 miles of the important town of Harrar.

Operations in this area are stated to be proceeding extremely well.

The capture of Harrar, which is without strong fortifications, would seriously threaten the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway and the town of Dire-dawa, on that railway, some 5 miles north-west of Harrar.

General Dessimoni is believed to have a garrison of between 12,000 and 15,000 men at Harrar and Dire-dawa.

In Southern Abyssinia the threat to Addis Ababa is growing daily as the Imperial Forces continue to advance northward from Neghelli along the Italian-built highway to the capital.

Northwest of Addis Ababa, Abyssinian patriots are containing some 18,000 Italian and native troops at Debra Marcos.

Meanwhile, in Eritrea, fighting is going on with unabated fury in the hills around the Italian stronghold of Keren.

#### Heavy Casualties

British forces are now approaching Harrar, the second largest town in Abyssinia, following an action at the Marda Pass.

In southern Abyssinia, operations to the north-west of Neghelli continue successfully.

Heavy casualties were again inflicted on the Italian forces when British troops repulsed yet another counter-attack to the south-west of Keren.

There is nothing of importance to report from Libya. South African bombers continued their attacks on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway.—Reuter.

#### HITLER'S TALK WITH YUGOSLAVS

An official communique was issued following Hitler's talk with the Yugoslav Ministers in Vienna yesterday.

It confined itself however to saying: "Conversation on questions of mutual interest was conducted in the spirit of the traditional friendly relations existing between Germany and Yugoslavia."—Reuter

### Keren Bombed All Day

The R.A.F. bombed enemy troop positions at Keren on Sunday from dawn to dusk, dropping over ten tons.

That night heavy British bombers swept over Tripolitania to attack shipping and the aerodrome at Tameit.

Damage is believed to have been considerable although cloud made it impossible to see details.

Slight damage was done by enemy aircraft which raided Malta on Monday, records an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.—Reuter.

### GREEKS CELEBRATE

The Greeks yesterday in every village and town and at every point of the battlefield celebrated the 121st anniversary of national independence in an atmosphere of exaltation worthy of the poet Byron's wonder.

WHILE YUGOSLAVIA, FOR WHOM IN 1914 GREECE WAIVED HER NEUTRALITY, WAS TRADING HER INDEPENDENCE TO HITLER AT VIENNA, GREAT PATRIOTIC CROWDS LINED THE STREETS OF ATHENS TO WATCH THE PREMIER, DR. KORIZIS, LAY A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

In brilliant sunshine in the morning the King, accompanied by his sister, Princess Catherine in nurse's uniform, drove through beflagged streets to the Cathedral, from where a thanksgiving service was broadcast to barracks and hospitals.—Reuter.

#### THE FIRST PROTEST

THE YUGOSLAV MINISTER TO MOSCOW HAS SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL YESTERDAY.—REUTER.

### GERMANY HAILS DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH

FIRST SEMI-OFFICIAL German comment on Yugoslavia's entry into the Axis orbit is in the Foreign Office organ "Diplomatische Korrespondenz."

It describes the latest extension of the pact as "a further step on the road to creating pan-European solidarity and a setback for the Anglo-Saxon world. Neither the presence of Mr. Eden in the Near East nor the propaganda value of the Lease and Lend Act could blur the sense of reality of the Yugoslav statesman."

In Rome, the "Giornale d'Italia," summing up the significance of the development, declares "it reinforces the European unity, for a nation of 16 million men possessing natural riches and a hard-working population has been added to the group gathering round the Axis powers."

The newspaper stresses the fact that the adhesion took place on the eve of Mr. Matsuo's arrival in Berlin.

#### Japanese Comment

The Japanese press hails Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis Pact as "a decisive victory for the Axis powers."

The "Nichi-Nichi" writes: "It is a diplomatic victory for the Axis powers which will deal a

serious blow to the Anglo-American camp and will accelerate the complete German mastery over the Balkans." The "Yomiuri" says the enlarged pact will yield "brilliant results."

#### Close Cooperation

Hope for increasingly closer political and economic cooperation between Italy and Yugoslavia was expressed by Rome radio yesterday, on the anniversary of the friendship pact between the two countries signed two years ago.

The announcer added that Belgrade's decision to become a "junior adherent to the tripartite pact ensured her a dominant position which she should and must have in the new order in Europe."—Reuter.

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## IMMIGRATION INQUIRY

Mr. E. A. von Kobza-Nagy Gives Evidence

### ITALIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Two Italian attacks were repulsed in the central sector of the Albanian Front on Monday it was announced on the Athens Radio last night.

One attack was made at dawn in the district round the Apos and Apos Rivers and was defeated after sharp fighting.

The second attack was launched in the morning after a long artillery preparation and was also smashed despite desperate attacks by waves by the Italians whose losses, particularly in killed, were very heavy while a considerable number of prisoners was taken.—Reuter.

### HUGE BELGRADE HEADLINES

Huge headlines in special editions of the Belgrade newspapers announced Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis Pact yesterday afternoon.

The text of the German and Italian Notes promising to respect Yugoslavia's sovereignty and territorial integrity were prominently printed.

Commending the measure as "a chance to continue and strengthen in peace Yugoslavia's policy of loyal collaboration with all her neighbours," the newspaper "Politika" expects unfavourable reactions in the country by saying the action is so exceptionally important, both nationally and internationally, that "one can reasonably expect that the inevitable repercussions which will soon show themselves will bring general satisfaction in the favourable effects of the Pact."—Reuter.

### NAZI SHIP CAUGHT

ANOTHER LOSS TO GERMAN SHIPPING WAS REVEALED IN AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states that the merchant ship "Oder" (8,518 tons) has been intercepted. The "Oder," which was endeavouring to escape from Mas-sawa, was intercepted by the British sloop "Shorthorn" reports the "Commander-in-Chief, West India Ocean."—Reuter.

### Playing With Their Own Heads

"Our cup is full," declares a leaflet widely distributed by a patriotic organisation in Belgrade.

The signature of the Tripartite Pact is described in the leaflet as meaning "a certain, shameful death for the country and the freedom of its people."

"Those who play with the heads of sixteen million people play with their own heads."—Reuter.

### NO WISHFUL THINKING

"Public opinion in Yugoslavia is in the throes of excitement but it cannot be expected that this is of a nature likely to change the course of events," said the Ankara Radio last night commenting on Yugoslav signature of the Axis Pact.

The commentator continued: "Yugoslavs were morally unprepared for a day like that now confronting them."

"By adherence to the Pact, they admitted in advance the acceptance of the reorganisation of the Europe of tomorrow and of Yugoslavia in accordance with Axis ideas."

"Yet despite everything, the signing of the Pact can hardly be considered as making for stability for the German viewpoint."—Reuter.

### THE LUFTWAFFE LAYS OFF

A single aircraft cruising over the coastal areas in Britain provided practically the only enemy air activity during daylight hours yesterday.

There was no night alert up to late hours.—Reuter.

### INCEPTION OF THE GENERAL AGENT

MR. E. A. VON KOBZA-NAGY gave evidence this morning at the Supreme Court, at the resumed sitting of the Commission investigating the Immigration Office.

Mr. Kobza was represented by Mr. T. Winter-Blyth, who said that had he been present at the first hearing he would have questioned Mr. Pudney.

The Chairman (Sir Atholl MacGregor): An opportunity will be given to you later.

Answering questions by his solicitor, Mr. Kobza detailed the circumstances of his connection with the Immigration Office, beginning with an interview with Mr. Forrest and Mr. J. H. B. Lee at the Post Office at which Mr. Forrest was seeking to discover the lowest fair price for two passport photographs.

He told Mr. Forrest that they could be produced, if in quantity, at 50 cents for two.

He agreed to undertake to produce photos at that figure and also to set up a studio at Marina House.

#### Situations In N. T.

Later, he was informed by Mr. Lee that the plan had received Government's approval, and he started work on November 13. Subsequently, he received letters from Mr. Forrest asking him to set up studios in the depots at Kennedy Town and Wanchai and afterwards at Tai-po, Un Long, Shataukok, Lokma-chau and Sheungshui, and also to establish mobile studios in the New Territories.

When he started he charged only 40 cents for two photos because he found he could purchase materials cheaper than he thought, and passed the benefit on to the public. The materials he

bought were of British manufacture.

At first he produced about 4,000 photos daily, but in December the business came to a sudden stop. The reason was found to be the activities of touts and brokers sent by certain agents to approach clients in the streets.

He actually saw persons on their way to the studio in Marina House being approached by touts who pulled them away and gave them cards on which was inscribed the statement that if they patronised a certain agent they would be able to get their documents earlier.

#### Asked For Production

He called on Mr. Forrest, who disclosed that some of these agents had not been recognised.

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### Greeks Cannot Believe

Greece's reaction to Yugoslavia's action was voiced over Athens radio last night.

"Greek public opinion," said the announcer, "still cannot believe that Yugoslavia will desert the alliance and traditional friendship that has united the two countries for years."

"Greek public opinion looks to the future with calm in the sure belief that the brave Serbian people and army will never allow their glorious history to be sullied by an act which they themselves would certainly qualify as a step in the back against an allied people."—Reuter.

### BACK SCRATCH

TELEGRAMS OF MUTUAL CONGRATULATION AND GOOD WISHES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN HITLER AND PRINCE REGENAT PAUL ON THE OCCASION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHESION TO THE AXIS PACT.

Prince Paul expressed his "sincerest wishes for the success of the great German people," while Hitler in reply sent his "sincerest wishes for the future of the Yugoslav people and its Royal House."—Reuter.

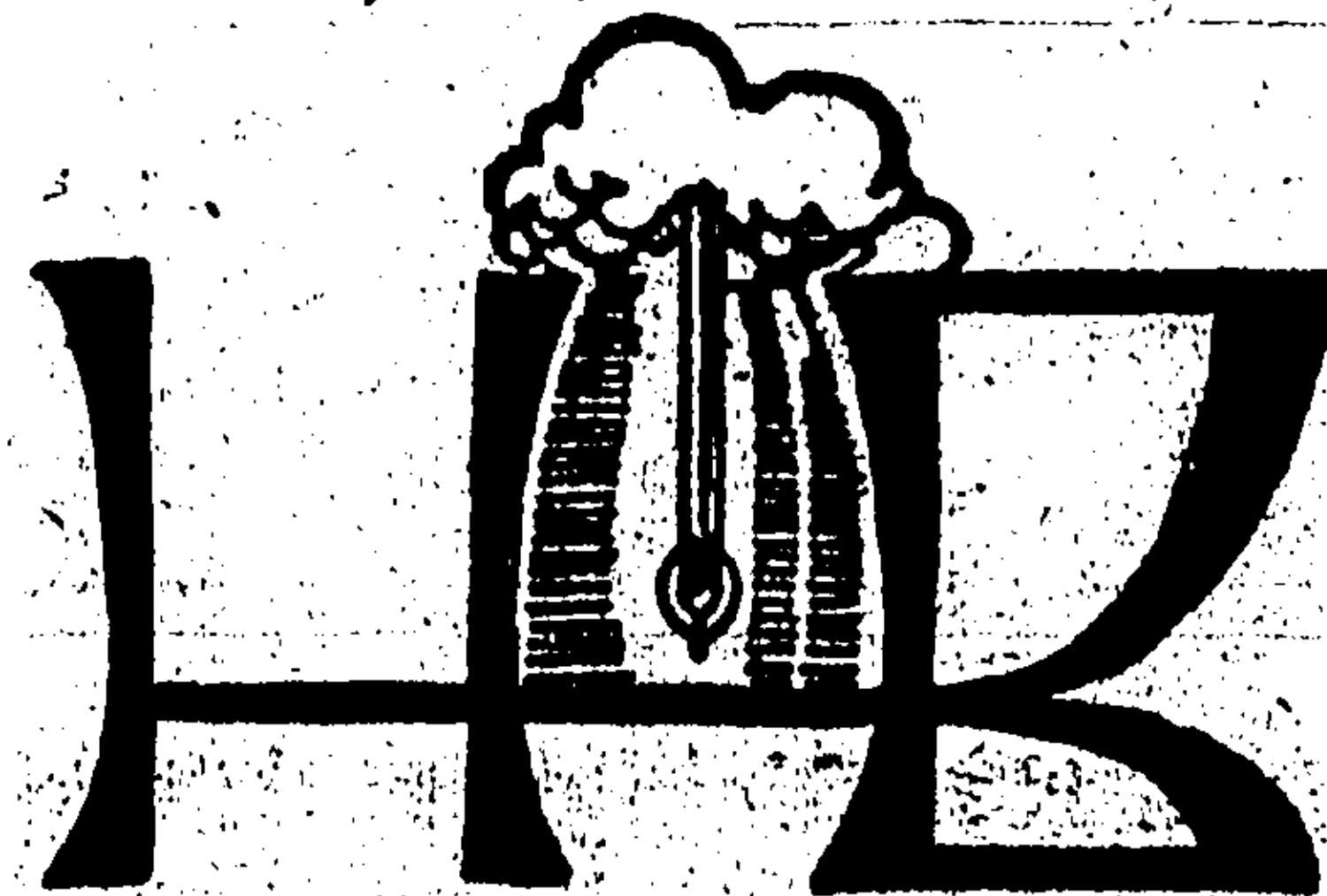
### Record War Bill

Britain's expenditure reached a new high record last week.

During the week ending March 22 total ordinary expenditure amounted to £102,899,000, or over £14,671,000 daily.

Total ordinary revenue is only slightly over £23,500,000. Below the estimate for the financial year, with nine days to run, and the estimate is thus certain to be exceeded.—Reuter.

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# BRITAIN'S AIMS DEFINED

## Lord Halifax Gives Outline In Brilliant Speech

### Victory First: New World Society

**BRITAIN'S WAR AND PEACE AIMS WERE DEFINED BY LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, AT A SPEECH AT THE DINNER OF THE PILGRIM SOCIETY IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT, AS WINNING THE WAR, PREVENTING A REPETITION OF SUCH A TRAGEDY AND HELPING TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE PROSPERITY IS JUSTLY SHARED.**

Lord Halifax opened with a high tribute to the work of Lord Lothian for Anglo-American understanding.

"The fruits of his labour stand to-day for all the world to see. He would not, I think, have wished any better monument."

Lord Halifax attributed the steady drawing together of the thought of their two countries to the instinctive reaction of the two peoples to the challenge of the new philosophy of totalitarian dictatorship.

#### Dark Menace

As the struggle had grown more intense reason and conscience combined to make them both realise even more clearly the dark menace to things equally precious to both countries, and this common purpose was sealed anew by the passage of the Lend Lease Bill.

"It is difficult to exaggerate what this means. Across the seas, in the front line which is Britain, as in the hearts of those submerged for a time under the German wave, there will be felt a new confidence; in the enemy camp new doubts, as all alike remember the history of the last war, and the time is surely approaching when the weight of this nation must tip the scales."

Lord Halifax defined the Nazi system as "bondage, bodily, spiritual, political and economic."

#### "New Order"

He said Hitler's "new order" would divide the world into the Germans, as the master race, and other nations as second-class peoples with rights and interests subordinated to those of the ruling caste.

For Europe such a system involved shackling industry and commerce, ruthless compulsion instead of free contact and the permanent enslavement of all peoples.

But German ambitions did not stop at Europe. "Already Hitler is scheming to overrun great tracts of Africa and Asia."

#### "Straits Of Dakar"

"Across what has now become the Straits of Dakar an invader of Africa, if he could once establish undisputed mastery of Europe, could swiftly pounce upon your Latin neighbours to the south."

"THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, AS A STANDING CHALLENGE TO GERMAN DOMINATION, COULD BE ATTACKED BEFORE IT HAD TIME TO ARM IN SELF-DEFENCE."

"In any case the doors of trade in Europe, Asia and Africa would be closed to us except on terms laid down by Germany."

"Would Hitler attempt this last and greatest act of highway robbery? We cannot tell. Some will advance arguments against the likelihood of his so acting; he might, indeed, achieve much the same result without an actual armed attack."

#### National Security

"Others may surely feel with greater force that where national security is involved it is not enough to rely upon the disputed balance of probability."

Lord Halifax continued: "This struggle is a mortal clash of two philosophies and we only delude ourselves if we suppose that the civilisation we share with you could survive a Nazi victory."

"It is not only with a physical invasion that we are concerned

but with a spiritual invasion, which if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive that it is in the power of the German air force to unload."

#### War Aim

Lord Halifax, declaring that "we will never accept Hitler's new order," defined the principal war aim of Britain and its Allies as to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom but added that victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we could also achieve what must be the greatest peace aim of securing the world as far as humanly possible against a repetition of this tragedy.

"When this great battle is won, nations which have preserved or regained their freedom will have a sovereign opportunity to show what freedom means and what it can do for the welfare of mankind."

"It is not possible now to draw detailed plans for the future structure of the community of nations but we are already in a position as a basis on which agreement must be founded."

#### Mutual Welfare

"Nations can exist in freedom and security only if they are prepared to cooperate for mutual economic welfare and, if need be, for mutual defence."

In the economic sphere everything depended upon such cooperation but no party to such an association would be ambitious to dominate its partners. Every nation, great and small, would have its place and make its own contribution."

Moreover, past experience had taught that stable international order must admit of an ordered change in relations between States.

Just as the liberty of the individual must have regard to the needs of the community, so must every nation in future accept its obligations to the general family of nations and be ready in both political and economic spheres to consider the welfare of its neighbours."

#### Hand Extended

Lord Halifax declared: "We for our part are prepared to join hands with any state which genuinely seeks peace and prosperity in the world by loyally observing its engagements and ensuring liberty within its borders."

"It would be valueless to force unwanted associations upon unwilling nations. We must rather try and create conditions, political and economic, in which there may grow among people themselves a real sense of their community interest."

"In the British Commonwealth of Nations experience has taught us that nations differing greatly in numbers, wealth, race and social structure can yet freely associate together, and the British Commonwealth bastion of world defence to-day may well become the bridge of a greater world unity to-morrow."

#### Single Whole

"In many respects the world must be treated in future as a single whole."

"When victory is won it must be our aim to promote the common interest in the greatest possible interchange of goods and services."

Britain was ready to participate in plans to promote economic co-operation on a worldwide scale.

"Our aim will be prosperity justly shared."

Lord Halifax emphasised that even now Britain was planning to remedy post-war impoverishment, arranging to establish stocks of food and raw materials which could be released as soon as we could be sure they would be used for this work of healing and not for our destruction."

#### Task Of Rebuilding

The business of rebuilding after the war would be a task far

#### YUGOSLAV FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

President Roosevelt yesterday ordered that all Yugoslav funds in the United States are to be frozen.—Reuter.

beyond the strength of any single country.

Britain was resolved to do her best but clearly, if the world was to be brought back to health, it would only be by the united action of all men and all nations of goodwill.

After the war and until we could be satisfied of Germany's cooperation, he could hardly doubt that nations resolved to preserve peace and freedom must retain sufficient armed strength to make their will effective.

#### World Society

Lord Halifax hoped that in this, as in other matters, "our two peoples will appreciate the immense responsibility that will jointly rest upon them," and that in the words of Pascal they might combine justice and power so that the spirit of their cooperation might deserve and win the support of all other peoples like-minded with ourselves to strengthen the foundations of world society.

Thus only would it be possible to ensure that neither Germany nor any other country should revert or have any reason to revert to those policies which had plunged Europe into five wars within the last 80 years.

#### Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the "Battle of the Atlantic," Lord Halifax said: "Our experience shows that while in the coming months these attacks may cause us grave losses, our defensive methods are sound provided they can be developed with adequate strength and speed."

In the next few critical months it would, as he saw it, be a race between the mounting total of our shipping losses and the increase in defensive weapons that would reduce them below the danger level.

"I have no doubt, with the help you will be able to give, of our ability to win this race."

DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF AN INVASION OF BRITAIN, LORD HALIFAX RETURNED A "CONFIDENT AND UNHESITATING NO" TO THE QUESTION WHETHER AN INVASION COULD SUCCEED.

He based this belief, he concluded, not only upon all the defence preparations, tireless devotion of the British forces and civil defence personnel and the help of the United States but also on the spirit of the British race.—Reuter.

#### IN DARKEST MUNICH

NOT LONG AGO A HEAVY BOMBER WAS OVER MUNICH, TAKING PART IN A RAID WHICH THE GERMANS WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO COUNTER WITH ALL THE A.A. FIRE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. A MESSAGE CAME HOME FROM THE BOMBER TO ITS STATION WHILE THE RAID WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON. BUT THE OFFICER WHO RECEIVED IT COULD MAKE NOTHING OF IT.

He was familiar with most of the usual messages which our bombers send, and could read many of them at a glance, but this was something he had never seen before. He began to search without much hope among the more unlikely messages that might conceivably be sent in war time, and at last found the solution. The message from the bomber was: "Natives appear hostile."

#### AIR WATCH ON PACIFIC

Although Canada is sending all available help eastwards across the Atlantic to the Mother Country she is by no means neglecting the security of her Western seaboard. The 600 miles of British Columbia's coastline are under the close watch of the R.C.A.F., Western Air Command. Including the inlets, fiords and the thousand islands which fringe the coast there are more than 6,000 miles of shoreline to be patrolled.

Giant flying boats and seaplanes fly hundreds of miles out over the Pacific on patrol duty or guarding convoys. The pilots, who are selected for this work have to undergo special training, for they require knowledge of several branches of nautical science. They are sent to the Seaplane Training School at Jericho Beach, on the Pacific coast, for a course.

Here they learn the technique of taking off from or landing on water; how to handle a flying boat on the surface against tides, currents or a heavy sea; the rule of the road at sea; navigation and signal codes, including the Navy wireless code, for communication with naval vessels and shore stations.

The training includes practice patrols over 400 or 500 miles of ocean, during which the men take part in anti-submarine operations and, convoy protection, and learn the methods of search, ship recognition and sea reconnaissance. They must also become proficient in practical photography.

The freedom of the Pacific Coast so far from enemy activity makes it an ideal training ground for flying boat pilots. Later these men will be helping to guard the sea borne traffic of the Empire.

#### SCOTTISH LION IN TEXAS

The city of San Antonio, Texas, which recently passed a resolution urging the supply of as many "flying fortresses" to Britain as might be needed for our defence against Nazi aggression, has old connections with this country, and especially with Scotland.

During the war of liberation against Mexico in 1836 the Texans were besieged in the Alamo, the old Franciscan Mission in the centre of San Antonio. After a desperate resistance the garrison of 183 men were overcome and slaughtered to a man by the Mexicans.

Among the garrison were Scotsmen, and when Texan freedom had been won the Scottish Societies of San Antonio presented to daughters of the Republic of Texas a Scottish flag "in memory of men of Scottish blood had died for Texan liberty."

So to-day the visitor to the Alamo may see a gleam of red and yellow in a corner of the chapel, the only part of the old mission which remains. It is the lion of Scotland rampant on a Royal Standard.

#### CHIEF CONSTABLE REGISTERS

Among those who attended at the Windsor Labour Exchange for registration with the 1901 class was the Chief Constable of Windsor, Mr. Ralph Wellings, one of the youngest Chief Constables in the country.

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# Lord Croft On Superb Achievements Of The Army

## Over 180,000 Italian Prisoners

THE CURTAIN SHIELDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BRITISH ARMY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS, WAS LIFTED FURTHER YESTERDAY BY LORD CROFT, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Lord Croft had a special word for the Home Guard, "probably the least expensive fighting force in history," which frees the mobile army to strike wherever necessary, from Lofoten to Jijiga.

Without the Home Guard, military commanders could not have risked sending vital reinforcements in men and weapons to smash the Italian army in Africa in the nick of time.

Lord Croft then made a new disclosure regarding the African campaigns.

Despite the peril of invasion we parted with fine troops and first class equipment to meet the menace in Egypt and our vital communications with the East.

It was the longest distance ever covered by an army in history to reach a major theatre of war—an immense naval and military undertaking in submarine-infested oceans.

To-day it was permissible to mention that we had placed in safe custody in our prison camps a far larger number of the enemy than all the forces at General Wavell's disposal in the sombre month of last June.

### Successive Onslaughts

Lord Croft described in graphic detail successive British onslaughts along the Libyan coast, delivered at incredible speed against a well-equipped and well-entrenched army with every modern weapon of defence, until the climax early in February when the Army of the Nile, 600 miles from its base, pinched out Benghazi and blocked the retreat of all the remaining enemy.

With a speed never equalled, with endurance surely remarkable, with perfection of timing, surprise, initiative and a crescendo of pace, the Army won a glorious succession of victories, which heartens every free man and gives him faith in morale over numbers and in the superiority of British fighting men over our enemies.

Regarding events in the great series of offensives against the Italian East African Empire, Lord Croft emphasised the immense distances involved and said:

### A Vast Clock

"Imagine a vast clock of 4,300 miles in circumference, with the centre 200 miles south-east of Addis Ababa, with lightning blows from 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, and last week, 2 o'clock."

After a description of operations in Eritrea, culminating in the occupation of the strategically important town of Neghelli, Lord Croft said:

"It was worth a marquessate to Graziani and we congratulate ourselves on its capture."

Further to the east a dramatic offensive was initiated by troops of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, the King's African Rifles and the Union of South Africa under General Cunningham, who was starting with high velocity from the Indian Ocean and seemed anxious to spend Easter with his famous brother, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

### Approaching Harrar

This column, having swept right through Italian Somaliland, was now 300 miles over the Abyssinian border and rapidly approaching Harrar and threatening the Djibouti railway.

Its advance of 770 miles from the Kenya frontier and 1,100 miles from railroad must surely be a

world record of distance in such astonishing time.

With great rapidity and at almost no expense in casualties, forces of the Indian Army on one flank, and Somalis and Arabs on the other, recaptured the capital of British Somaliland after a surprise amphibious attack.

Whereas six weeks ago British and Italian Somaliland were all Italian, to-day this great area is all British.

### Only 604 Killed

Our casualties in all the African fighting were surprisingly small, totalling up to February 23, 2,966, of which happily only 604 were killed, whilst we inflicted over 200,000 casualties on the enemy, including the capture of 180,000 prisoners.

These campaigns had been truly imperial, and troops of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, the African colonies and the Sudan, with British Guardsmen and infantry.

Dutch, Welsh, many Irish and also fine divisions from India have, with the Royal Armoured Corps, the Royal Artillery and the Engineers, written great fresh chapters in British military history.

### Nightmare Of Italy

Egypt has been saved, the Suez Canal will not be Italian, another 600 miles of the shores of the "Italian lakes" have passed into British hands.

The Italian hold on Abyssinia is becoming increasingly precarious and Mussolini's dreams have become the nightmare of Italy.

The soldiers of the British Empire now stand braced, hardened, experienced and trained to meet the might of Germany. We are not afraid of the issue. (Cheers).—Reuter.

### COVENTRY'S NEW "CATHEDRAL"

Coventry Cathedral Council, meeting recently for the first time since November 14 last, placed on record an expression of grief and horror at the destruction of the Cathedral and expressed admiration of a gallant attempt at its defence made by the Provost and other voluntary helpers. The Church of St. Michael, Coventry, has been consecrated and legally declared the Cathedral of Coventry diocese.

Subject to qualifications, the Council resolved that as soon as circumstances allow and as funds permit the Cathedral should be rebuilt on or near the site of the present ruins.—British Wireless.

### THE FIRST PROTEST

THE YUGOSLAV MINISTER TO MOSCOW HAS SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL YESTERDAY.—REUTER.

### SYRIAN UNREST

The situation in Syria remains serious, it is reported from Istanbul by Moscow Radio. Sentences of from three to five years' imprisonment have been passed upon demonstrators in Damascus.—Reuter.

## LORD LYTTON ON THE GANGSTER OF ASIA

IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR from the lips of President Roosevelt that China will be the recipient of all help the United States can give her in her heroic struggle against Japan, writes Lord Lytton in the "Manchester Guardian."

"If we had helped China more in 1932 we might never have seen the rise of Hitlerism in Germany or the spread of war first into Africa and then into Europe.

"Almost every action, every formula, which to-day we associated with the two gangsters of Europe, was, in fact, first used by Japan, the gangster of Asia.

"Waging war without previous declaration and calling it peace, profession of friendship to cover hostile preparations, engineering disturbances in a neighbouring state to provide an excuse for armed intervention under the guise of restoring order, disclaiming of territorial ambition whilst occupying the territory of another country, establishment of puppet governments and making serious alliances with them—Japan may claim to be the inventor of them all.

### Chinese Spirit Firm

"Yet how few people realised in 1931/33 what terrible consequences were to follow from the passive acquiescence of the rest of the world in this new form of aggression.

"After ten years of almost continuous war the Chinese spirit is unbroken, and her sacrifices have only tended to

## SOVIET PLEASURES U.S.

The satisfaction of the United States at the assurances given by Soviet Russia on Turkey was expressed yesterday by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State.

The Soviet guarantee is regarded in Washington as a practically unprecedented move.

Mr. Sumner Welles told his press conference yesterday that "It is a measure of great satisfaction to the United States when a great power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intention of maintaining its comprehensive neutrality in the event of a neighbouring country suffering an attack."

MR. WELLES ALSO INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES TOOK ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE YUGOSLAVIA TO RESIST THE AXIS DEMANDS.—REUTER.

### ATTACK ON GERMAN SHIPPING

An enemy vessel was sunk in an attack on shipping off the Dutch coast by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday afternoon. The Air Ministry communique records that one aircraft is missing from this operation.—Reuter.

### NAZI SUPPLY THROUGH RUSSIA

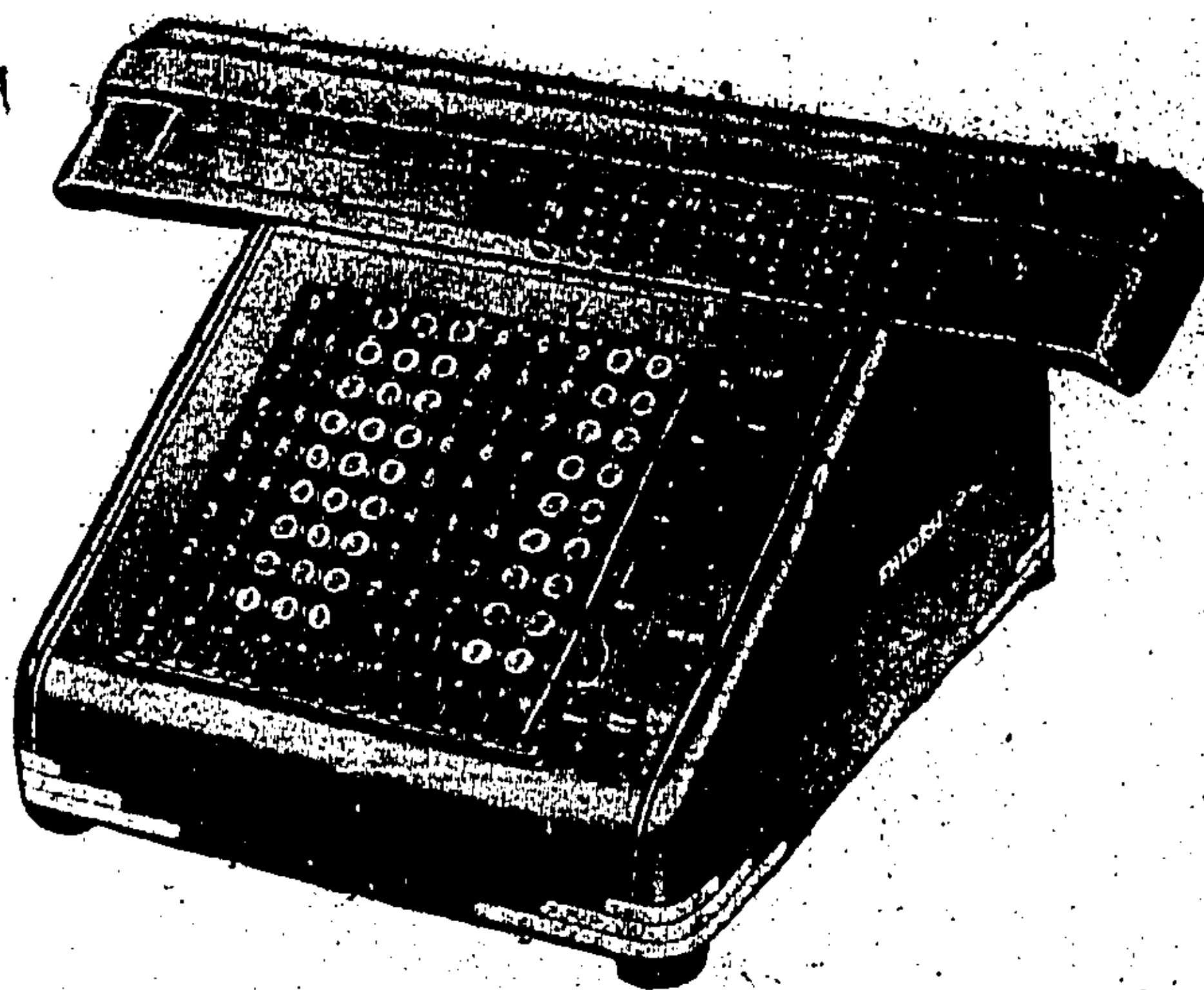
QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER RUSSIAN IMPORTS THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK FOR RE-EXPORT TO GERMANY WERE NOW DIMINISHING, MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE, SAID SALES TO GERMANY OF GOODS IMPORTED BY THE SOVIETS ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT ARE VERY SMALL.

Direct transit trade to Germany by the trans-Siberian railway remains, however, substantial.

Moreover, there was constant danger that abnormal Soviet imports, though not themselves re-exported, may release for export to Germany corresponding quantities of Soviet products.—Reuter.

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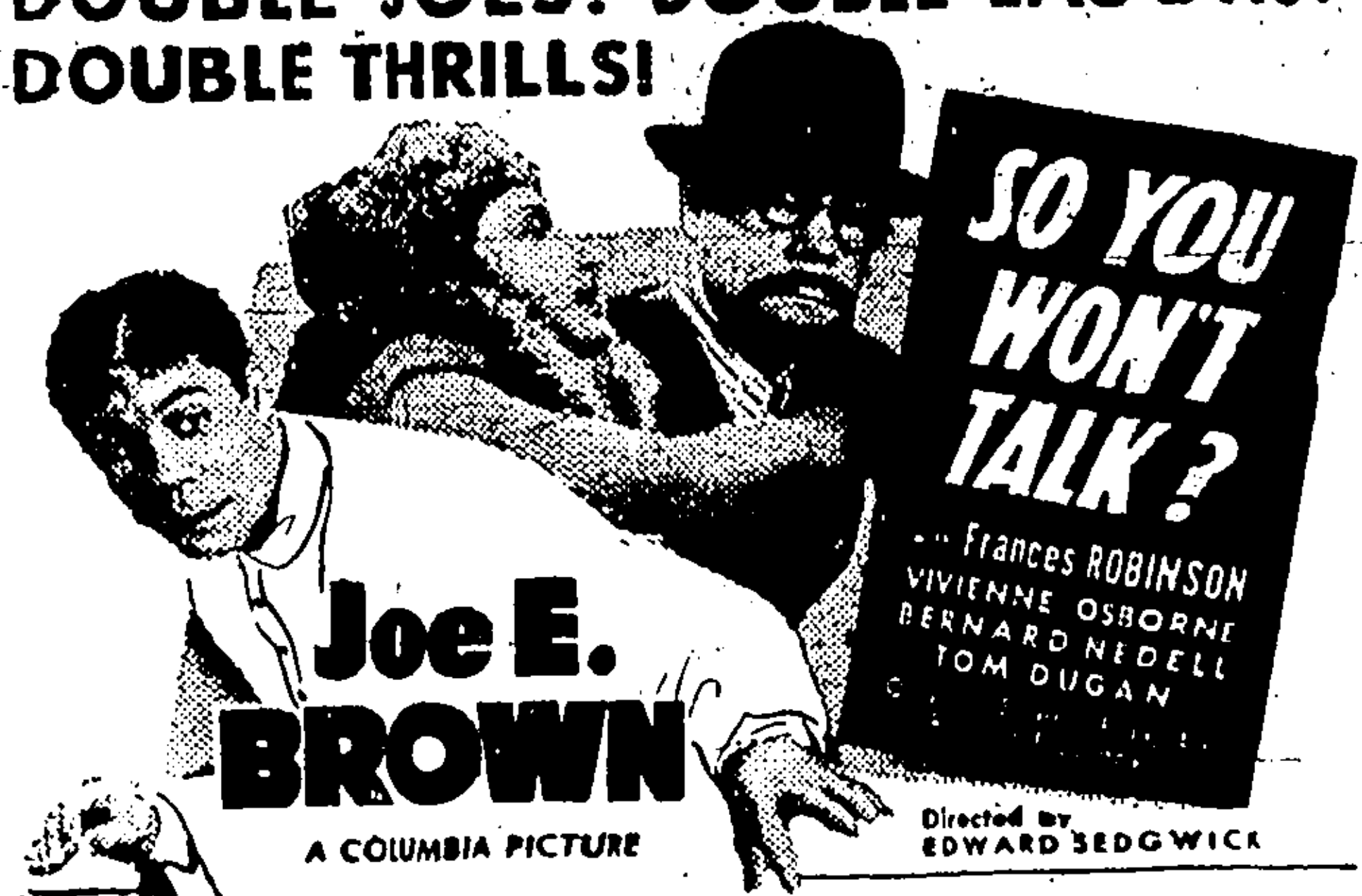
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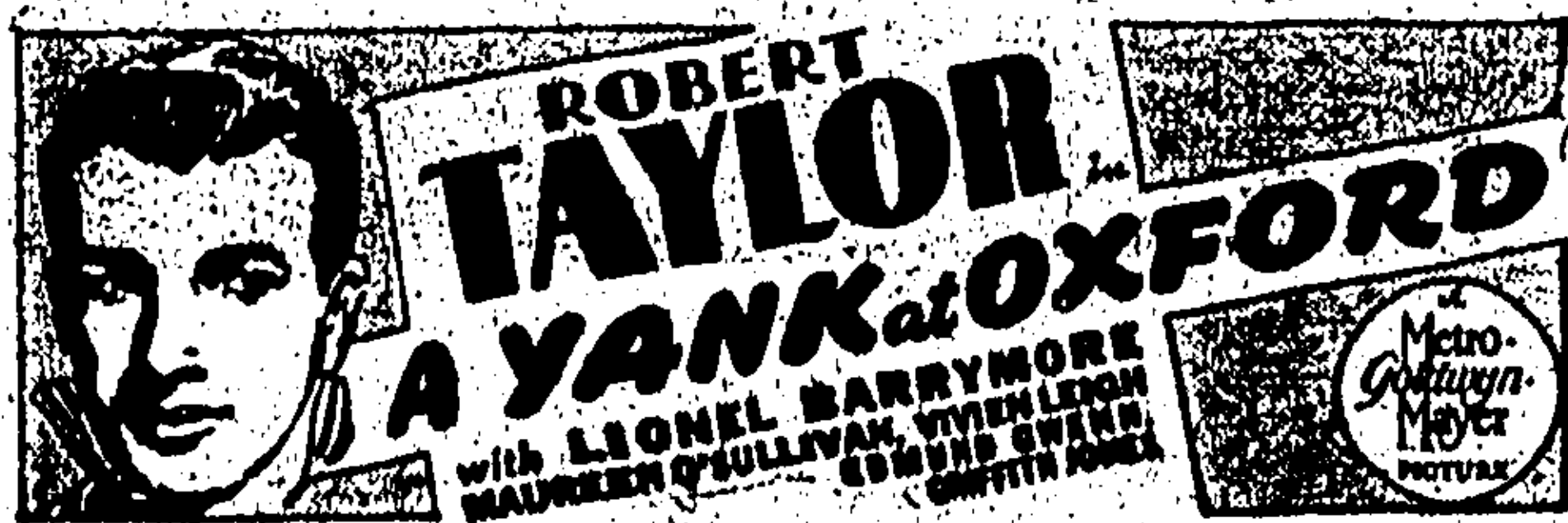


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# EMPIRE SHIPPING DRIVE

Effective measures to extend shipbuilding and repair facilities throughout the Empire were mentioned by the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in a written reply to a parliamentary question yesterday.

During the last six months the number of warships building in the Dominions, India and colonies more than doubled, and orders for a substantial number of merchant vessels placed.

Warship repair facilities also now exist and are being increasingly employed and constantly extended at almost all main seaports in the Dominions, India and colonies.—Reuter.

# BRITAIN'S NAVAL POWER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Stockholm "Morgenposten" says that in building warships the British have always held to the principle that "what is simple is right."

They have abstained from certain advantages by not making machinery and technical details too complicated.

It is therefore nearly unthinkable that the British sailor makes mistakes during a battle. He is specially well trained, knows precisely how his machine works and can to the last do the job assigned him.

Even after severe damage warships can keep afloat. It will take much more to overstrain the British fleets and complements.—International News Service.

# GIRL DRIVER, AGED 20, WINS M.B.E.

Ambulance driver Joan Westerby, of Binley Road, Coventry, awarded the M. B. E. for bravery in the recent Coventry air raids is only twenty.

She told a reporter that she joined the A.R.P. in 1939.

On the night of the big raid Miss Westerby made eleven journeys with her ambulance, carrying on through the night and then, after a brief rest, reporting for duty again.

"I did not realise how big the raid was," she said, "but afterwards I knew that I was lucky. I seemed to miss all the bombs but the ambulance was hit several times by shrapnel."

"Often I had to dodge bomb craters."

"I had a wonderful assistant with me — Gordon Dyer, aged eighteen, who was a great help in clearing debris from the road."

# JUNK CAPSIZES: EIGHT DROWNED

In a report to the Police yesterday, Pang Ngan, foki of Junk No. 4340W, revealed that while the boat was sailing near Waglan at about midnight on Monday, a gust of wind capsized the craft, throwing the 12 people on board into the water.

A passing junk later picked up Pang and three others, the rest of the crew, including a woman, being presumed drowned. The survivors were brought to Hong Kong yesterday.

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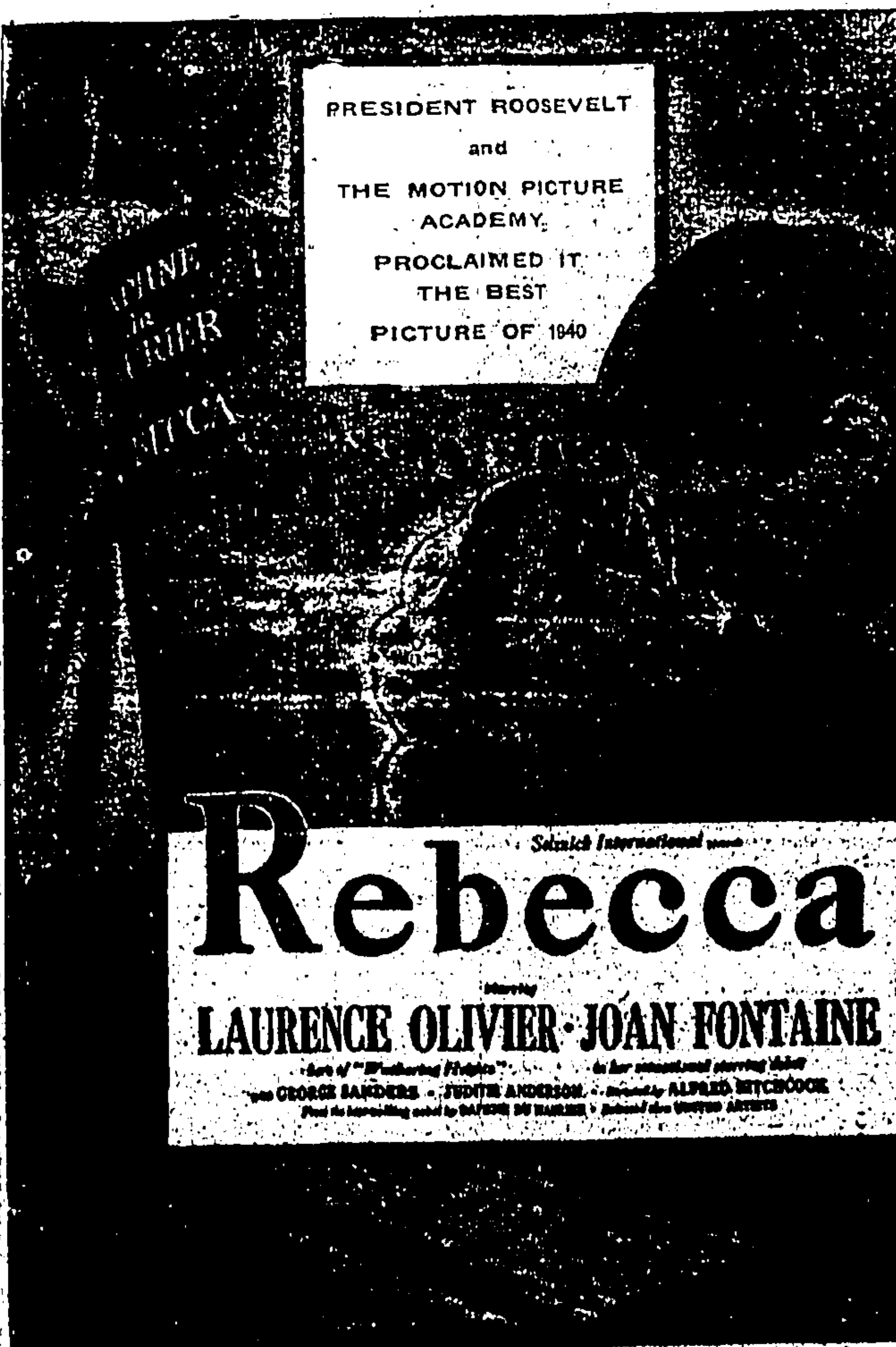
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By BUD FISHER



## FRENCH SUPPLIES TO NAZIS THROUGH MARSEILLES

CONFIRMATION THAT a proportion of imports — which include considerable quantities of foodstuffs — into unoccupied France from French North Africa undoubtedly passes to the Germans, was given by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, at question time in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Dalton had previously been interrogated about Government's policy regarding foodstuffs to France, and repeated the well-known British standpoint.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib. Wolverhampton) asserted that 200,000 tons of goods had entered Marseilles in three recent weeks and a greater part thereof went to Germany.

Mr. Dalton stated the newspapers "La Semaphore" had

stated that 298,000 tons of cargo arrived in Marseilles from all destinations during that period.

Another question was asked whether the Vichy Government's attention had been drawn to the fact that food from French colonies is going to Germany instead of relieving the situation in France.

### "Certain Proportion"

Mr. Dalton merely replied: "We have information that a certain proportion of these imports reaches the enemy. Flour in two ships now en route is intended only for unoccupied France and its distribution there will be under effective American control."—Reuter.

## MATSUOKA TO VISIT VATICAN?

Mr. Matsuoka is to be received by the Pope during the Japanese Foreign Minister's visit to Rome. The German Radio making this announcement claims that it has been confirmed by the Vatican.—Reuter.

## EMERGENCY FOOD FOR BLITZED TOWNS

The emergency food reserves organised for bombed towns under the Ministry of Food scheme is standing the strain well.

Lord Woolton made this clear in giving details of the scheme, which has been extended to include towns of 50,000 population or more.

Stocks already placed at the disposal of local authorities and spread throughout the country include two million tins of soup with eight portions to a tin, 1,800 tons of biscuits, 2,500,000 cans of baked beans, 750 tons of tinned beef hash and meat roll and 750,000 cans of unsweetened condensed milk.

Lord Woolton has re-christened communal feeding centres. He said this rather cold phrase would be dispensed with and the generic name of British restaurants would be used.

He hoped each locality would also give its British restaurant a local name — "something bright and jolly." — British Wireless.

## BATAVIA CONFERENCE WITH JAPAN

MR. J. H. RITMAN, SPOKESMAN FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GOVERNMENT, EMPHATICALLY DENIED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY RUMOURS THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BE MADE TO THE N.E.I. BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. VAN KLEFFENS, MEANT THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON WAS PLANNING TO REMOVE TO THE EAST INDIES, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

The spokesman disclosed he would go to Manila to meet Dr. van Kieffens, who was expected to arrive on Saturday.

Questioned regarding the effect the visit would have on the present Japanese-East Indies conversations, Mr. Ritman declared it was "a lucky coincidence that both the Japanese and Dutch have eminent statesmen in Batavia."—Reuter.

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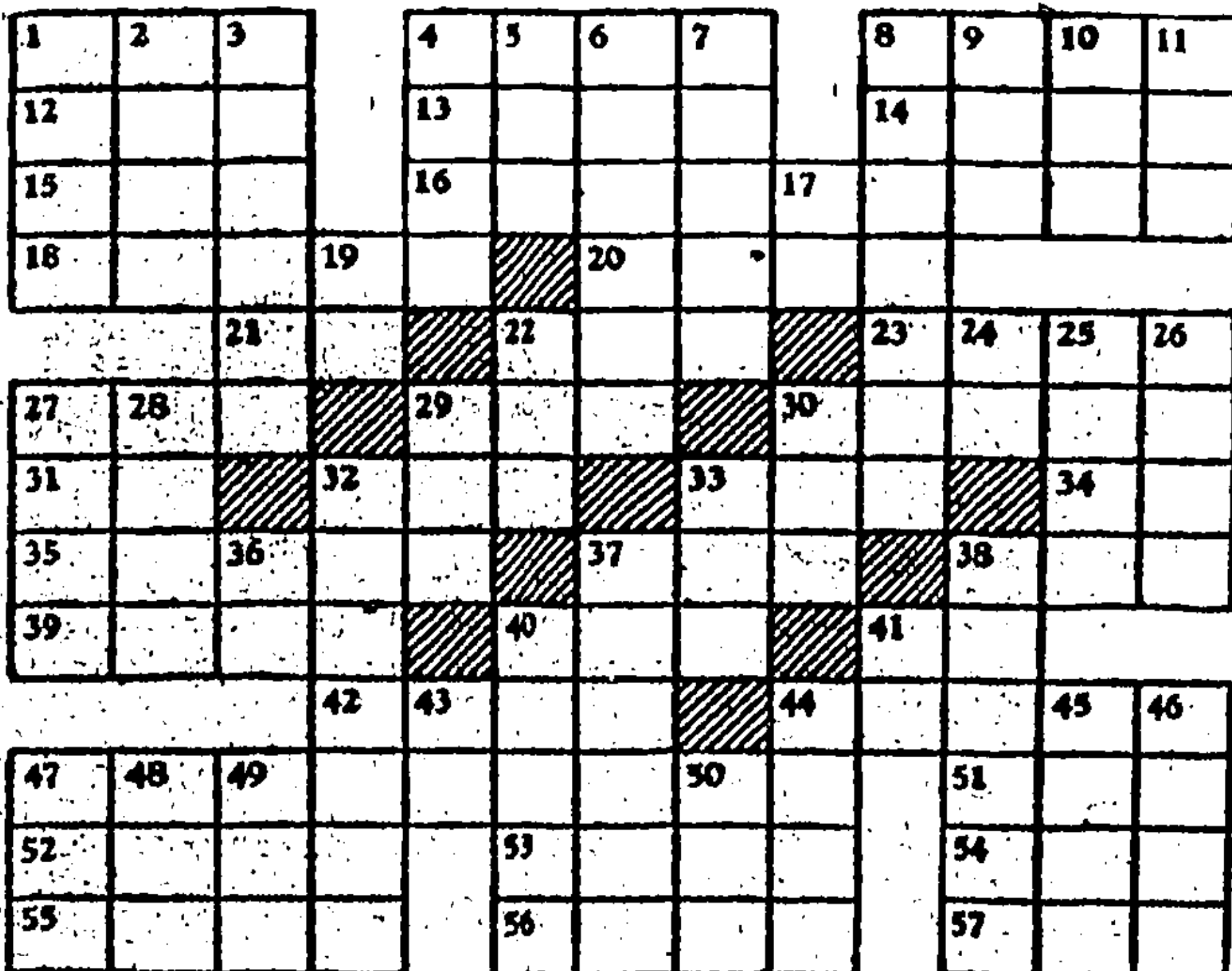
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- 18 Increased
- 20 To cause to sound
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Laid
- 23 Isle of Napoleon's exile
- 24 Music as written
- 26 Scoundrel
- 30 Vegetable
- 31 Molten lava
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- 35 Frozen rain
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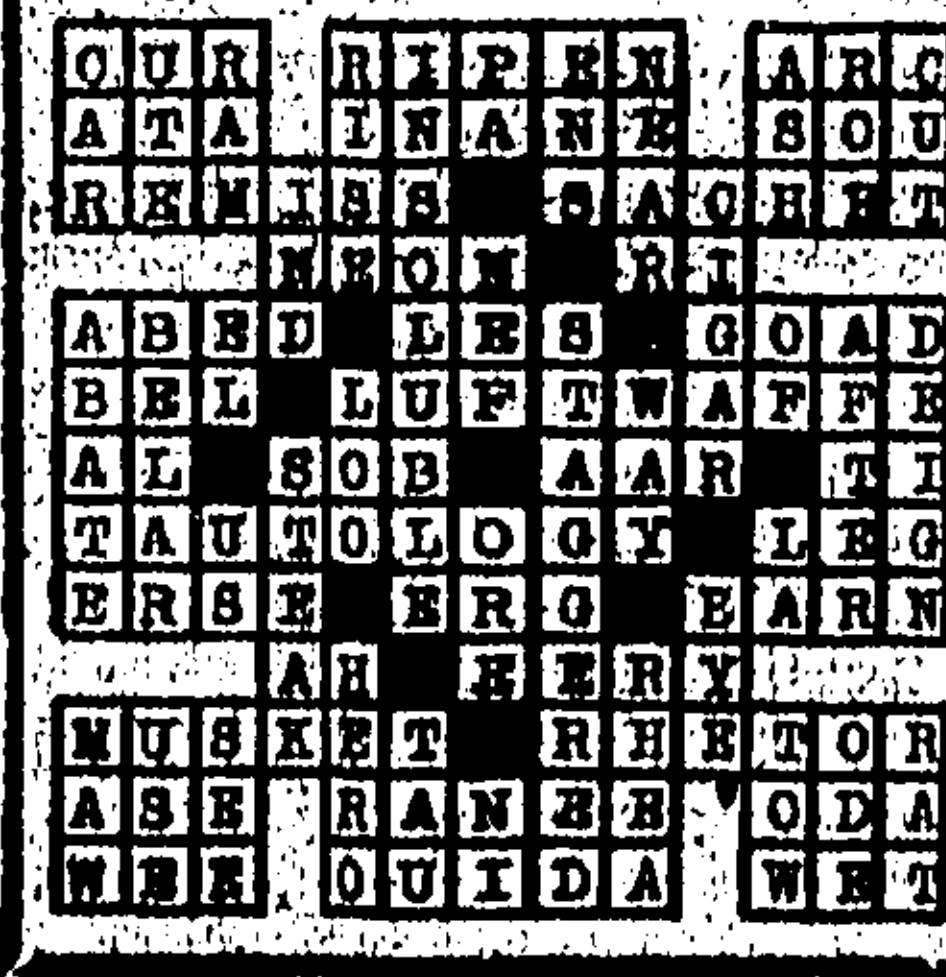
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- 2 Two
- 3 Dawn of day
- 4 Norse god
- 5 Number
- 6 Sampled

### 7 Constellation

- 8 Gloves
- 9 Crude metal
- 10 Hurried
- 11 Insect
- 17 Thus
- 19 You and I
- 22 Quick stroke
- 24 Chinese measure
- 25 Male pig
- 26 Poker stake
- 27 Colloquial back-talk
- 28 High
- 29 To decrease
- 30 External
- 32 Opposite
- 33 Informer
- 34 Babylonian deity
- 37 Garb
- 38 Starry
- 40 Locations
- 41 Butterfly
- 43 Roman gods
- 44 Web-like membrane
- 45 Ireland
- 46 Companion
- 47 Born
- 48 Vase
- 49 Youngster
- 50 Large container

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





# ADVANCE ON HARRAR

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## GREEKS CELEBRATE

The Greeks yesterday in every village and town and at every point of the battlefield celebrated the 121st anniversary of national independence in an atmosphere of exaltation worthy of the poet Byron's wonder.

WHILE YUGOSLAVIA, FOR WHOM IN 1914 GREECE WAIVED HER NEUTRALITY, WAS

TRADING HER INDEPENDENCE TO HITLER AT VIENNA. GREAT PATRIOTIC CROWDS LINED THE STREETS OF ATHENS TO WATCH THE PREMIER DR. KORIZIS, LAY A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

In brilliant sunshine in the morning the King, accompanied by his sister, Princess Catherine in nurse's uniform, drove through beflagged streets to the Cathedral, from where a thanksgiving service was broadcast to barracks and hospitals.—Reuter.

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## Keren Bombed All Day

The R.A.F. bombed enemy troop positions at Keren on Sunday from dawn to dusk, dropping over ten tons.

That night heavy British bombers swept over Tripolitania to attack shipping and the aerodrome at Tamet.

Damage is believed to have been considerable although cloud made it impossible to see details.

Slight damage was done by enemy aircraft which raided Malta on Monday, records an R.A.F. communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.—Reuter.

## Thrusting Through The Marda Pass

THE BRITISH AND Imperial forces thrusting westwards from Jijiga in Abyssinia through the newly-conquered Marda Pass have reached points within 20 miles of the important town of Harrar.

Operations in this area are stated to be proceeding extremely well.

The capture of Harrar, which is without strong fortifications, would seriously threaten the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway and the town of Dire Dawa, on that railway, some 30 miles north-west of Harrar.

## DRAMATIC STORY OF CAPTURE OF JIRABUB

CAPTURE OF JIRABUB, last Italian stronghold in Libya, after one of the fiercest hand to hand battles ever fought in the heart of the desert, is described by the Air Ministry news service.

The fortress is the holy burial place of the ancient Senussi, one-time leaders of the Libyan tribes, and it fell after only nine hours of fighting. It was taken by an Australian unit supported by R.A.F. aircraft, British artillery and armoured cars.

Principal offensive came from the south after an intense artillery barrage at dawn on March 21.

Jirabub is divided into three sectors, with the town in the centre. A fort to the north overlooks a vast plain to the south where there is a series of rocky knolls. These constituted the principal defences and bristled with guns of all calibres. In one warren-like stronghold alone were no fewer than 50 Breda and many small mountain cannon.

The Italians had spared neither time nor labour to make these crags impregnable and the whole area was tunnelled and warrened with shelters.

### Underground Arsenal

Thousands of rounds of small arms ammunition and field gun shells were secreted in a large underground arsenal.

Between these two fortified positions stand a walled native village dominated by a Senussi mosque.

A young Australian subaltern, with a platoon of picked men, carried out the first attack to the south. He led his men through a gap in the wire under withering enemy fire. They were fighting in a sandstorm which, while offering some protection, jammed their rifles and blinded them as they crawled towards the Italian machine-gun nests. Periods of close action followed when bayonets and hand grenades only were used.

### Hand To Hand

By 10 o'clock the entire Australian infantry forces were engaged in hand to hand struggles.

At the height of the battle, a daring R.A.F. pilot, flying a Lyndersay aircraft, dived to 100 feet to drop high bombs on a stubborn Italian machine-gun post.

Later the same pilot, although the target for a rain of bullets, dropped a message over a group of Australians advising them that a dozen of their men had become isolated and were hard pressed. The men had signalled to the pilot by flashing a small hand mirror in the sun.

Enemy guns bombarding them were silenced by Australian anti-tank guns turned in their direction at the position indicated by the aircraft.

Ten gaps were made in the outer wire in the southern sector.

### 800 Prisoners

What at first appeared an insurmountable obstacle was conquered after a few hours' battle by courageous fighting, and at 2.30 p.m. the white flag was hoisted.

Over 800 prisoners were taken—more than the number of Australians who finally captured the stronghold.

During the entire action no support was given the besieged by either Italian or German aircraft.

Twelve hours after the fall of the town five Heinkels flew over the area and dropped a number of bombs harmlessly in the desert.

Despite the intensity of the barrage neither the sacred mosque of the Senussi nor the native village suffered a scratch.—British Wire-less.

### A CORRECTION

A misprint in our report of the case against Sergeant Guild on Monday credited the assistant manager of the Republic Bay Hotel with saying that the defendant signed cheques to an amount of \$31. The actual figure stated was \$11.

### TRAGEDY REVEALED

The dead body of an unidentified man aged about 30, was picked up in the sea near Pat O'Shaukoak, by the Police yesterday.

General Dessimoni is believed to have a garrison of between 12,000 and 15,000 men at Harrar and Dire Dawa.

In Southern Abyssinia the threat to Addis Ababa is growing daily as the Imperial Forces continue to advance northward from Neghelli along the Italian-built highway to the capital.

Northwest of Addis Ababa, Abyssinian patriots are containing some 18,000 Italian and native troops at Debra Marcos.

Meanwhile, in Eritrea, fighting is going on with unabated fury in the hills around the Italian stronghold of Keren.

### Heavy Casualties

British forces are now approaching Harrar, the second largest town in Abyssinia, following an action at the Marda Pass.

In southern Abyssinia, operations to the north-west of Neghelli continue successfully.

Heavy casualties were again inflicted on the Italian forces when British troops repulsed yet another counter-attack to the south-west of Keren.

There is nothing of importance to report from Libya.

South African bombers continued their attacks on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway.—Reuter.

## TELEGRAMS IN STREET

The Post Office has opened a street telegram service in the City of London.

Telegraph messengers wearing appropriate armlets, will walk about within the vicinity of Regina House, Cheapside and Northgate House, Moorgate, ready to receive telegrams. They are prepared to give change.

Telegrams are now being received at Regina House and Northgate House and delivered by relays of messengers to all parts of the City.

The improvised telephone service at both these places has been successful and similar places will be opened.

## MARY'S LOVE BEATS THE BAND

"Choose between me and your jazz band."

This ultimatum was issued to Buddy Rogers by Mary Pickford. It was revealed in a \$240,000 breach of contract suit in a New York court.

A theatrical agency with which Buddy is alleged to have broken his contract told how Mary, objecting to Buddy's absence from their Hollywood home, told him that if he didn't return and settle down with her she would divorce him.

So thirty-six-year-old Buddy returns to forty-six-year-old wife.

The body, which was in a decomposed state, bore a number of wounds.



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## COL. LINDBERGH

Colonel Lindbergh has been at it again, and much more disturbingly on this occasion for the Lease and Lend Bill has been passed and the purpose of his further intervention can only be to attempt to sabotage the bid for national unity and national effort.

Astoundingly, if Colonel Lindbergh is at all sincere, he refuses to draw any moral distinction between regimes which invoke a reign of violence and those which seek ways of peace and freedom. Does right or wrong make no difference to the erstwhile hero of the air as long as he thinks himself secure?

The Lindbergh case seems to deal solely with material factors in its summing up of the supposed prospects in Europe. There are moral factors, so-called imperious, which enter heavily into the equation. If suffering and destitution are involved in a prolonged British drive, what of a Nazi victory under the sugar-coating of a "negotiated peace?" In the occupied countries it could be only a smouldering truce, a period of slave-labour efforts at production, and ultimate discovery that military domination cannot feed people.

Throughout the occupied area forces are ready to spring into being to throw off the yoke. Britain doubtless must launch some kind of an offensive, but will not have to sustain it alone. By contrast, any system which has to rely on an appeal to lawlessness and a glorification of brute force has within it the seeds of its own destruction.

No, it is not simply that Britain must win. Something very much bigger than Britain or America must win the tremendous struggle now going on. There must be a victory won, in the interests of all the world, for the idea of freedom under law, of security from aggression, of adjustment by peaceful means.

There was a time when every attempt at flying had failed. There was then no indication that the limitation that kept humans on the ground would ever be overcome. Colonel Lindbergh sees "no indication that war is a thing of the past." Yet the organisation of justice in nations has made the medieval feudal wars a thing of the past.



BRAVE LITTLE ADOLF!

# Labour Vitality

By  
**Harold Laski**

vital share in securing its publication and in determining its character.

Of the separate Ministers, Mr. Attlee appears least in the public view and is quite definitely the most influential. Shy, undramatic, without a trace of egotism, he prefers to work behind the scenes. He is slow to make up his mind, but, once he has made it up, he has a persistence that carries great weight. His fault is an undue diffidence which tends to make him silent where speech is called for. But anyone who has seen him as constantly and continuously in action as I have will yield no primacy to any Minister but Mr. Churchill himself for the value of the counsel he has brought to the war effort. It is characteristic of him that neither bad news can perturb him nor good news give him undue confidence. He has the respect of all, and the more respect, the more intimately he is known.

Mr. Bevin was the outstanding figure in the trade union world when he became Minister of Labour. He has done some admirable work there. Above all, he has given the trade unions the status that was their due in the councils of the government, and he has seen to it with the knowledge born of long experience, that the standards of labour are not relaxed at any point where danger to the workers' health is involved. He has initiated half a dozen experiments of importance. His public utterances have given him perhaps the widest audience of any Minister except Mr. Churchill; and it is already clear that when the lines of reconstruction begin to be laid, Mr. Bevin will count as vitally as anyone on the Labour side.

Mr. Morrison, after a brief period at the Ministry of Supply, where he did a Herculean job of reorganisation, has now found, I think, the task to which he is ideally suited, both by temperament and experience. Mr. Morrison touches nothing that he does not make clearly his own handiwork. He is clear-headed, incisive, and works with an energy that is remarkable. If he has a fault, it is that, often excessive tenderness for his own officials, a

generous fault, but one the magnitude of the present issues makes a dangerous one. Perhaps, too, his own special zest for London makes him too tender of vested interests in local government which need to be handled far more roughly. But my own feeling is clear that he is on top of his work, and that, as Minister, he is one of the half dozen supreme administrators this country has produced since Lord Haldane.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, as Minister of Economic Warfare, has a post the implications of which are now far more narrow than when he undertook it before the German conquest of France and the Low Countries. It is not easy to judge his work since almost all of it is of a necessarily confidential character. It is significant, I think, that Mr. Dalton who, before the formation of the Churchill government, was the best-hated Labour member in the House of Commons, has a very different reputation among the Tories to-day. They know that, not less than Mr. Churchill himself, he is out to beat Hitler; and they know that he has the special kind of energy the character of his post demands. No Labour Minister had so difficult a past to live down among his critics. My own judgment is that they recognise in him a formidable master of the art he requires for his function.

The outstanding fact about the Labour Ministers is the fullness of their unity and collaboration with the Prime Minister. Partly, that is the depth of the common danger they have confronted; partly, it is the wisdom of Mr. Churchill in paying great attention to their views in those fields of which they have special knowledge. Critics ask in bewilderment how Socialists can agree so well with a Prime Minister who, all his life, has been their ardent opponent. There is a very simple answer to this view. Mr. Churchill's one aim is victory, and to it he is prepared to sacrifice all the preconceptions of his past career. The one thing he asks of any proposal is what it contributes to victory.

I have left to the last the position of Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty. Since Mr. Churchill is himself Minister of Defence, and the greatest First Lord of modern times, it is inevitable that Mr. Alexander should to some extent be overshadowed by his greater colleague. But the Navy has great confidence both in Mr. Alexan-

## Hitler's Hidden Weakness

Mr. Cordell Hull, to back his belief in the coming victory of the British Empire, has declared that the German armies are spread very thin. It is indeed true. There are German armies in France, in Belgium, in Holland, in Norway, in Denmark, in Poland, in Hungary, in Rumania, in Italy. We do not know how many, but the total of these armies of occupation must be at least two million men.

The problem of victualling them is rendered easier by the fact that they batten on the conquered or intimidated territories. But they must be supplied with many things which they cannot obtain locally:

### By Britannicus

transport equipment, military stores, petrol, special foodstuffs. This requires a tremendous organisation of transport and supply, itself a heavy drain on Germany's national manpower.

It is likely, moreover, that these occupying troops have to be frequently changed. The atmosphere of cold-shouldering or open hostility in which they move among the subjugated or subordinate peoples is intensely demoralising. Furthermore, they are in danger, in such circumstances, of hearing the truth about the war from the British radio or other non-Nazi sources. An expeditionary force in a fever-ridden tropical zone, where white men could not long keep their health and vigour, would not be more difficult to maintain than Hitler's garrisons in conquered countries.

Hitler's problems of lines of communication are wholly different from those of the British Empire. Our lines are like limbs—healthy, wieldable instruments of action, even if they are exposed to fracture. His are like the veins and arteries of a bloated and dropsical body. His empire is overgrown flesh rather than bone and muscle.

Yet we must not be deluded into underrating his strength. By summoning his forces to a particular point he can, for the time being, deploy an immense concentration of power. Those two million or more troops of occupation are but a fraction of his total armies. Their existence does not prevent him from gathering together an expeditionary force for an attack on Great Britain or Ireland or a march into yet unoccupied territory in Europe.

It is in the more distant future, when Hitler's great effort of 1941 has been repelled, and when the Empire's striking power is steadily growing, that they may prove a fatal weakness. It will be then that the resistance of the subjugated peoples will be at its most effective. Hitler may then be faced with the choice between withdrawing his forces from the scene of each national uprising and sending still more soldiers to hold it down. That would be a choice between conserving his strength at the expense of his prestige and conserving his prestige at the expense of his strength. It would be the beginning of the end.

The iron ring of British world power is slowly closing upon the Nazis. Inside is still another ring, immobile now but ready to crush the inner kernel of Hitlerism when the ripe moment comes. It is composed of the imprisoned peoples of Europe who will one day turn upon their gaolers. Then will the Nazis learn with sickening clarity that a prison-house can entomb its own creators.

der's judgment of persons, and in his grasp of the large aspects of strategy. He has filled a vital role with delicacy and vigour.

All-in-all, the position is not unsatisfactory. The great tests of course, have still to come, when the problems of peace and reconstruction begin to loom. In the face of immense peril, Mr. Churchill has taught his colleagues to work with a single mind to victory. That, in itself, is a vital service to the future of civilisation.



# NAZI PRESS ADMITS U.S.A. HOSTILITY

## HIS "SAFE" SHELTER HIT

THERE IS NO DEARTH of German comment on United States affairs in the press or in other mediums of expression these days. The ban that kept virtually all such comment from the newspapers for the last twelve months or more has now apparently been lifted and the plain language of American statesmen and other personalities finds its answer in plain language employed on the German side.

The result is that the man in the street is now learning much about the deterioration of relations between his country and the United States during the period when the German legions marched to victory over Western Europe, isolated Britain, battered her cities and brought the successful conclusion of the war within apparent reaching distance.

The German citizen now is learning that there is yet another power overseas that during the late Summer months passed from a state of neutrality to a state of non-belligerency without his being aware of it, and now stands openly on the side of Britain. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" writes today.

"We admit that Mr. Roosevelt, his government and his adherents, even the by no means small portion of his opponents, are not only trying morally to stiffen British resistance; we admit that America is not only thinking of the inheritance that sooner or later will fall to her, but that she will to preserve England from catastrophe through as extensive aid as possible must be designated plainly as an American desire."

### Hitler's Warning Repeated

The paper adds that the United States is now "England's only

hope" and that for Britain American aid represents the difference between collapse and a chance for victory. It indicates the possibility that American aid might not be limited to placing arms at Britain's disposal, but might include the transportation of these arms to Britain on United States ships and under United States convoy.

Germany's attitude toward such a situation is made clear by the "Frankfurter Zeitung." It indicates no plan for German counter-attack against such extensive aid, beyond Reichsfuehrer Hitler's statement that "any ships that come before our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed." However, it expresses once more the German conviction that United States aid will come too late to save Britain and that "no power on earth can preserve Britain from her fate."

"It is the aim of warfare to destroy the fighting power of the opponent, to destroy his means of defence and his physical power," the editorial continues. We are not in a situation where we have to depend only on a single means and a single method, but we have several irons in the fire that supplement and even surpass each other.

"The situation of the enemy is entirely different; all his methods and means have dwindled to a single one, which is: hold out until America comes to save England. Only the hope of America is left to the English. They say that themselves."

### Skepticism Seen In U.S.

United States judgment of the situation is regarded by the "Frankfurter Zeitung," on the basis of the various declarations made before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as negative for Britain. These declarations, the paper says, "while certainly not uniform, express only the negative opinion that if the United States does not help energetically and immediately England is lost."

"The average American is by no means of the opinion that with American aid England will win the war—that is to say, will conquer Germany," it continues. "That is, in any case, a difference and, one may say, a big difference."

"The English are concerned less with the aid bill than with quick and actual aid. Here again a difference can be detected that is likewise not small—namely, the fact that the aid bill and very quick and extensive American production (and then assured shipping of material to Britain) are by no means one and the same thing."

"This aid bill has the quality of acting as a veil drawn before tangible reality, before the fact that American aid will come too

"You and baby can come home now. I have found a safe shelter," wrote a London husband to his young wife evacuated to the country.

She returned, and one Saturday night for the first time, he took them to his chosen refuge—the basement of a block of offices.

That night the building was bombed, and searchers abandoned hope for the people trapped, who included the mother and baby.

The shelter was described as "one of the best equipped in the borough." Nine people were rescued on the Sunday, but the majority, including sales managers of the firm and poor people from an adjacent block of tenements, were trapped under great chunks of concrete.

### Saved By His Thirst

One man employed by the firm had spent every night at the shelter since the heavy London raids began. On that Saturday night he went to visit his mother in the East End.

Another employee, who was on fire duty, said: "If my thirst had held out for half a minute longer, I would not be here now. I went down the road for a glass of beer, and as I entered the public house I heard the crash of the bombs on our building."

Some bodies were brought out from the ruins of the London subway hit in Saturday night's raid. Search is continuing amid the tons of masonry.

Nothing recognisable remains of the subway, apart from the general outline. Within the crater was a tangle of boulders, slabs of roadway weighing up to half a ton, and wrecked steelwork.

From above a hundred Royal Engineers, Pioneers and demolition workers in the crater looked as if they were pigmies.

late and that, furthermore, transportation of material to England will not be very easy."

### U.S. Convoys Expected

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" goes on to say that "Roosevelt's opponents believe that quite different things may also be concealed behind that veil namely that Roosevelt, in order to 'save the democracies,' may not only repeal the laws that hitherto meant the protection of American neutrality, that he does not wish to limit himself to opening American harbours and ship yards to British vessels, but that he will do what he hitherto promised he did not want to do, namely, relieve the British of the worries about the security of the transports to England."

"Roosevelt's opponents fear his policy will draw America automatically into the war and think, among other things, specifically of this possibility and its unavoidable results," the editorial says. "They ask, therefore, what will happen if Roosevelt sends American ships into an ocean zone that he hitherto himself has avoided as being highly dangerous?"

"Adolf Hitler gives them the answer: the Germans will fire at them."

To this the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" adds:

"Germany does not regard steamers with war materials for England as vessels of idealism, but as vessels with war materials that are to be used against Germany. To sink them is no insult to American idealism, but measure of practical reason for the protection of women and children in German cities on whose heads the American deliveries are to be thrown down, once they reach their destination."

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# GERMANY HAILS DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH

**FIRST SEMI-OFFICIAL German comment on Yugoslavia's entry into the Axis orbit is in the Foreign Office organ "Diplomatische Korrespondenz."**

It describes the latest extension of the pact as "a further step on the road to creating pan-European solidarity and a setback for the Anglo-Saxon world. Neither the presence of Mr. Eden in the Near East nor the propaganda value of the Lease and Lend Act could blur the sense of reality of the Yugoslav statesman."

In Rome, the "Giornale d'Italia," summing up the significance of the development, declares "it reinforces the European unity, for a nation of 16 million men possessing natural riches and a hard-working population has been added to the group gathering round the Axis powers."

The newspaper stresses the fact that the admission took place on the eve of Mr. Matsuo's arrival in Berlin.

## Japanese Comment

The Japanese press hails Yugoslavia's admission to the Axis Pact as "a decisive victory for the Axis powers."

The "Nichi-Nichi" writes: "It is a diplomatic victory for the Axis powers which will deal a serious blow to the Anglo-American camp and will accelerate the complete German mastery over the Balkans."

The "Yomiuri" says the enlarged pact will yield "brilliant results."

## Close Cooperation

Hope for increasingly closer political and economic cooperation between Italy and Yugoslavia was expressed by Rome radio yesterday, on the anniversary of the friendship pact between the two countries signed two years ago.

The announcer added that Belgrade's decision to become a "junior adherent to the tripartite pact ensured her a dominant position which she should and must have in the new order in Europe."—Reuter.

## DIED AFTER SOMERSAULT

While she was doing somersaults on a mattress a woman got a needle in her leg. Blood-poisoning followed and she died.

Frederick Scott Malcolm stated at the inquest at Hammersmith that his wife, who was twenty-one, was a former hospital nurse.

Her favourite pastime was to do physical jerks in front of the fire.

## Head Over Heels

On the evening of January 2, at their home in Holland Road, Kensington, she got into her pyjamas and did "head over heels" on a mattress.

"I said to her, 'Can you do it backwards,'" said Mr. Malcolm, "and she did."

His wife then told him, "There is a needle on the floor," and gave a start. It was then that Mr. Malcolm thought that she drove the needle into her leg. He could feel it under the skin.

The needle was removed in hospital.

Accidental death was the verdict.

## HITLER'S TALK WITH YUGOSLAVS

An official communiqué was issued following Hitler's talk with the Yugoslav Ministers in Vienna yesterday.

It confined itself however to saying: "Conversation on questions of mutual interest was conducted in the spirit of the traditional friendly relations existing between Germany and Yugoslavia."—Reuter

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## BURIED SIX WEEKS, DOG LIVES

**DAY AFTER DAY** William John Humphries limped along to the wreckage of his bombed home to search for his greatest pal.

William is twenty and a cripple. He has spent a quarter of his life in hospital. And his greatest pal was Rex, a collie dog.

To the young man it was sheer tragedy when Rex was buried under the ruins of his home during a raid on Birmingham.

William and his family hurried to a public shelter when the raid started. Rex followed them—but dogs were not admitted.

William had to take Rex back to the house.

Soon after the house was hit. William rushed to the wreckage. Frantically he began to search for his dog. He searched for hours.

Then he said "Rex must be dead."

Next day he limped back to the ruined house, started shifting rubble. He said, "I must find Rex and bury him."

Day after day, slowly, laboriously, he worked at his task among the wreckage.

Every day for a week. Every day for a month. And still he kept on.

The time came, when he had searched for Rex's body every day for six solid weeks.

He worked on. Much of the rubble had been removed.

Rather wearily, he poked his hand into an opening through some of the remaining bricks.

Something licked his hand. It was Rex.

And to William it was a miracle.

After six weeks without food or water, the dog was alive.

William worked desperately with pick and shovel for six hours.

Then he released Rex. The dog, exhausted and terribly thin, was lying on a twisted bed.

## "Nearly Cried"

William's sister, Mrs. Brittle, of Hanley Street, Birmingham, told a reporter:—

"Ever since the bombing my brother had gone every day to search the wreckage. When he discovered Rex was alive he nearly cried."

"He rushed and bought brandy for his dog. He bathed Rex's eyes with milk. He carried him here, and since then has carefully nursed him."

"He has sat up with Rex for hours. The dog is my brother's greatest pal. It is a great friendship."

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Permanent Wave Investment

It is better to get one good permanent wave a year than to get two or three or four poor ones. Even though during the last two months of the year your hair may look sort of wilted!

When spring comes women yearn for a new wave but unless your old wave has pretty well grown out wait a month longer. Any permanent wave takes hold on virgin hair, you know. Of course if your hair is long enough so that the remains of the old wave may be cut off without making you look scalped, then you may go ahead with your plans.

Even though some hairdressers have tried to convince me that hair can be re-permanented (new wave over an old one) I have yet to be shown the successful head on which this was tried. It is better to get your wave on hair that has never before been waved. Have patience until the old curl has grown out.

### Hunt No Bargains

You should consider your permanent as an investment in your beauty and get the best wave you can afford. Go to the very best hairdresser you know of for a hair shaping and wave. And if you can possibly do so, go to him at least once before



IDA LUPINO, lovely Warner star, shows how to transform a stunning evening hairdress into a flattering daytime coiffure. Such versatility is possible only when the hair is naturally curly or boasting the best of permanent waves.

that for a shampoo and setting so he can determine what hair texture you have.

That is important, for every manufacturer of permanent waving processes will warn you that the success of your wave depends greatly upon the competence of the operator to whom you trust your head, and his knowledge of your hair's peculiarities.

Of course, prices of good permanent waves vary according to where you are living. In a large city, for instance, where overhead is high a good permanent is likely to cost from fifteen dollars up. A permanent on ends only from ten dollars up. In smaller towns where rents are lower the same wave may be had for a few dollars less.

### Other Warnings

Tinted or dyed hair is more difficult to handle, naturally, and in all fairness to your operator you should confess what product you have been using and how frequently you use it on your hair.

Then he may better determine the type of lotion and the amount of heat you need.

Also bear in mind that every permanent wave process has different timing so unless you get the same brand of permanent year in and year out do not attempt to give your operator timing instructions. The only one instruction you should give him — and insist upon him following — is to give you a test curl. A test curl takes more time but if you are buying a good wave you are paying for time.

Never go for a wave when you are not feeling fit. Your body's state reacts on your hair. Wait until you feel well and strong because you want a glossy, soft curl which will make you much more beautiful than you were before you got it!

## "BALDY FOR LUCK"

No pilot or other member of the crew of a bomber squadron, now serving with the Royal Air Force in Greece will take off on a raid without first touching the Flight Sergeant's bald head. They say it brings them luck.

The Flight Sergeant has quite a busy time when the squadron takes off—dashing from aircraft to aircraft so that the entire flying personnel can have a rub of the lucky bald pate. And it has brought them luck—casualties have been few and the results of their raids magnificent.

"Baldy" was long ago on a flight when the aircraft ran into very bad weather and the engines were failing. The Flight Sergeant gave his head a worried rub. The pilot said "Well that might bring us luck," and also rubbed the bald head. Immediately the weather cleared, and the motors continued to function until the aircraft had reached an emergency landing ground.

The custom stuck. The "Flight's" bald head has brought luck to two squadrons and it is bringing luck to his present one. Not, of course, as the pilots are quick to explain, that they are in any way superstitious.



### A Front Page Reminder To All Wise Parents.

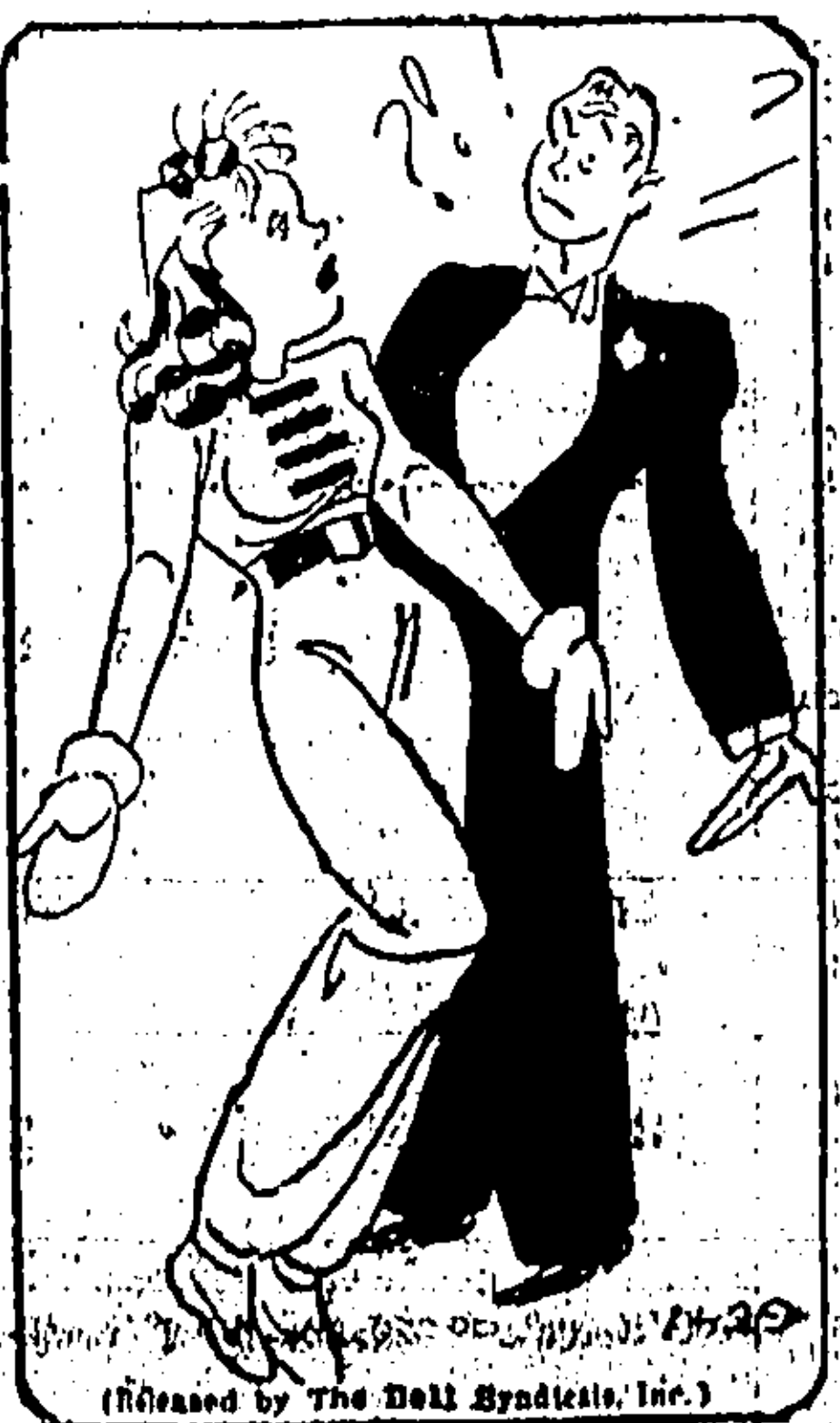
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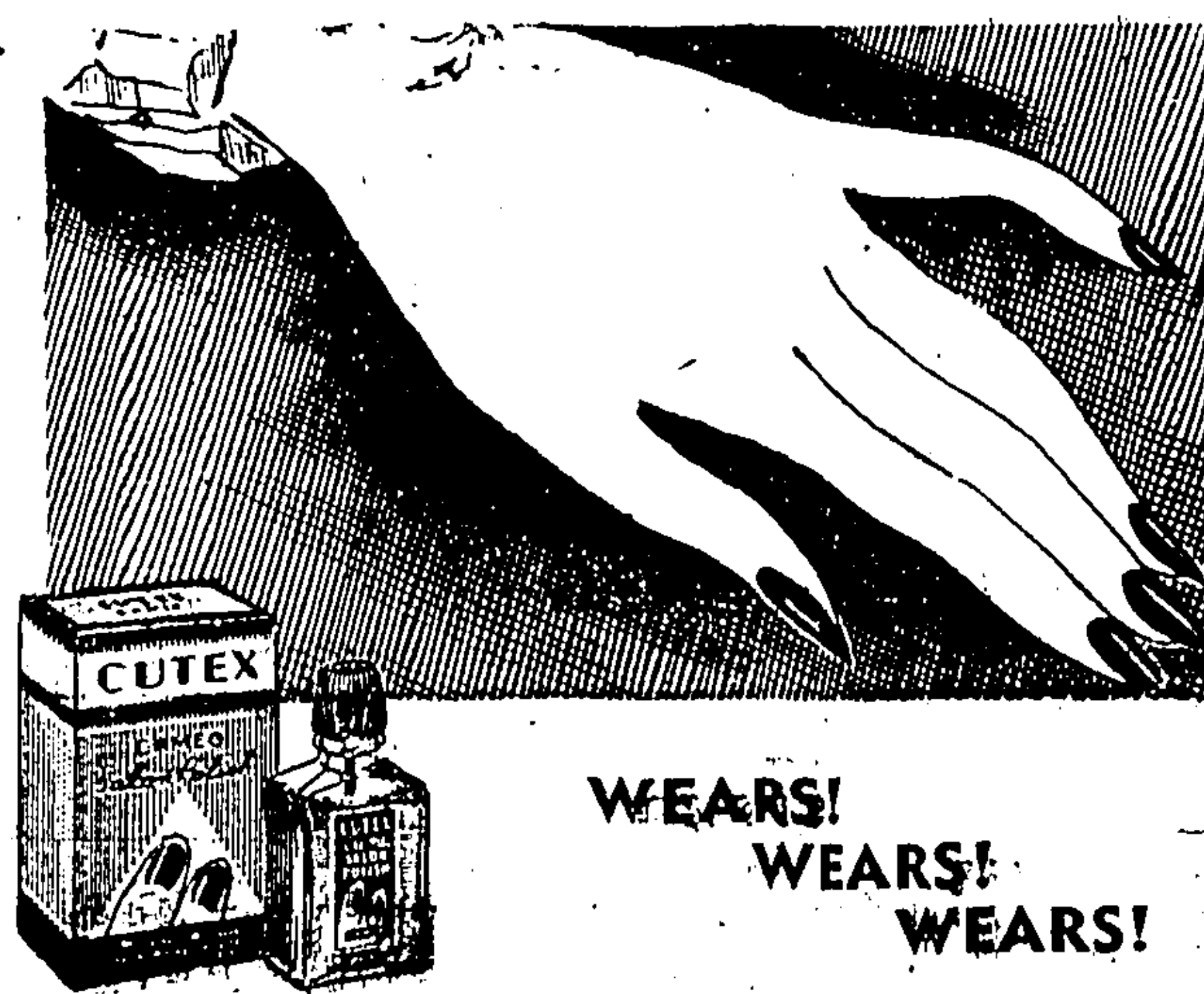
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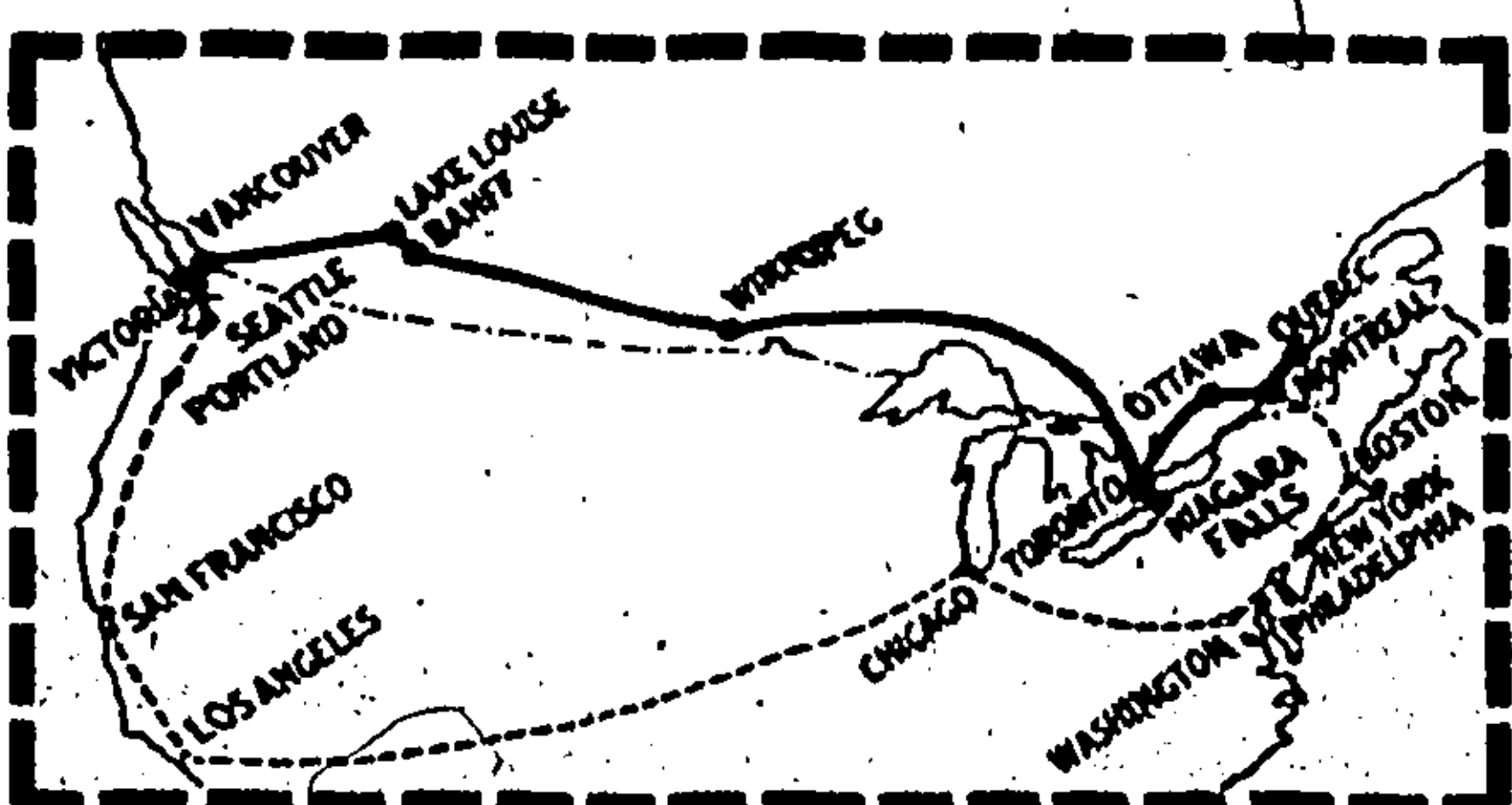
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#### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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| Straits, South Africa and Parcels only for United Kingdom. |                |
| K.P.O.                                                     |                |
| Par.                                                       | 26th 5.00 p.m. |
| Reg.                                                       | 26th 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                                       | 27th 8.30 a.m. |
| G.P.O.                                                     |                |
| Par.                                                       | 26th 5.00 p.m. |
| Reg.                                                       | 26th 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                                       | 27th 8.30 a.m. |

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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| Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta.                                                               | 3.30 p.m. |
| Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O. & G.P.O. |           |
| Reg.                                                                                       | 4.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                                                                       | 4.30 p.m. |

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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| Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O. & G.P.O. |            |
| Ord.                                                                                         | 12.30 p.m. |
| Reg.                                                                                         | 1.00 p.m.  |
| Straits and Rangoon                                                                          | 2.00 p.m.  |

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| G.P.O.                                       |           |
| Parcels                                      | 4.00 p.m. |
| Reg.                                         | 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                         | 5.30 p.m. |
| Manila, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa | 5.30 p.m. |
| Canton                                       | 5.30 p.m. |

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### SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via Honolulu.

|             |          |           |
|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Yawata Maru | Tuesday, | 1st Apr.  |
| Asama Maru  | Tuesday, | 15th Apr. |
| Tatuta Maru | Tuesday, | 6th May   |

### SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (Starts from Kobe)

Helan Maru ..... Wednesday, 2nd Apr.  
**SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo & San Francisco.**

|                    |           |          |
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| *Takaoka Maru      | Saturday, | 5th Apr. |
| (starts from Kobe) |           |          |

### SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila

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| Suwa Maru | Saturday, | 26th Apr. |
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### BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

|               |         |           |
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| *Toyooka Maru | Friday, | 28th Mar. |
| Hakone Maru   | Friday, | 11th Apr. |

### RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

|                |         |           |
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| *Hakodate Maru | Friday, | 28th Mar. |
| Mattumoto Maru | Monday, | 7th Apr.  |

### KOBE & YOKOHAMA

|               |          |           |
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| Suwa Maru     | Tuesday, | 25th Mar. |
| *Tottori Maru | Sunday,  | 30th Mar. |
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## RADIO

9.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
 9.50 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
 6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Meyerbeer.  
 Marche Aux Flambeaux... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Oh Paradise! (from 'L'Africana')... Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra. Le Prophete—Coronation March; Torch Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major... State Opera Orchestra. Shadow Song from 'Dinorah'... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. Scherzo—Les Patineurs... Louis Kentner (Piano).  
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the Old Country. Talk by Robert Donat.  
 7.30 p.m.—Half an hour with Irving Berlin.  
 Alexander's Ragtime Band—Film Medley... Lloyd Thomas (Organ). I Poured My Heart Into A Song (film 'Second Fiddle')... 'Hutch' (Leslie A. Hutchinson) (Vocal) at the Piano. 'Carefree'—Selection. Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ). This Year's Kisses (film 'On the Avenue')... Alice Faye (Vocal) with Cy Feuer Orchestra. Follow the Fleet—Selection. Anon & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ. Remember... Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orchestra. The Song is Ended... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Vocal Chorus.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
 8.02 p.m.—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
 Raymond—Overture (Thomas); 'La Boheme'—Selection (Puccini); 'Dance of the Hours' (from 'La Gioconda'—Ponchielli); Glow Worm Idyll (Lillicke)... with Pipe Organ and Vocal Chorus.  
 8.30 p.m.—'British Prose Writers' No. 4: Newman. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
 8.50 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers. It Was A Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare & Morley); O Who Will O'er The Downs So Free? (de Pearsall); O Hush Thee, My Babe (Sir W. Scott & Sullivan).  
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
 9.30 p.m.—Humorous & Vocal Variety. Humorous Monologue—Albert E. V. Stanley Holloway. Vocal—Afraid to Dream (film 'You can't have everything')... Josephine Baker with Orchestra. Vocal—My Missus... Stanley Holloway with Orchestra. Vocal—The Loveliness of You (film 'You can't have everything')... Josephine Baker with Orchestra. Vocal—My Little Buckaroo (film 'Strange Laws')... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment. Comedienne—At The Court of Good Queen Bess... Elsie & Doris Waters with Orchestra. Vocal—Across the Great Divide (Roberts & Others)... The Hill Billies

## FILIPINO CLUB'S NEW COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the Filipino Club was held yesterday. Mr. R. Lasala, President, presiding. The annual report revealed income at \$2,113.74, the accounts showing an excess of income over expenditure of \$539.90.

The membership was 107, including four life members. The following officers were elected.—President, Mr. R. Lasala; Vice President, Dr. V. N. Atienza; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. R. Idefonso; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. J. Manalac; Committee, Messrs. R. Basa, A. G. de Jesus, W. V. Field, L. A. da Costa, A. P. Castro.

## EASTERN TOUR OF MANILA

Eastern Athletic Association left Hong Kong for Manila at the invitation of the P.A.A.F. They were accompanied by Mr. Sze Po-wai, Hon. Secretary of the club.

Eastern will play their first match on Saturday and, in all, five games have been arranged. Lau Fook-chuen, Kwong Wah in-side-left and Fok Yu-wah, (Kit Chee) who formerly played for South China in the First Division, are also accompanying the team at Eastern's invitation.

## ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual sports of Ellis Kadoorie School were held yesterday. Keen competition was witnessed in all events and good times were recorded.

Chan Pak-wing, Class 5, won the senior championship, and Cheung Wai-nam, Class 5B, the junior. The class championship went to Class 5, who thus become holders of the Kadoorie Shield.

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 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
 10.02 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano. Slow Fox-Trot—What Do You Know About Love? I'm Building A Sail-boat of Dreams. Quickstep—Shut-Eye. Slow Fox-Trot—Between a Kiss and a Sigh.  
 10.14 p.m.—Latest Dance Music. Fox-Trot—We'll Go Smiling Along; Slow Fox-Trot—Sarah, Sarah... Harry Roy & His Band. Bolero—Loca Ilusion; Rumba—Par-Ran-Pan-Pan... Xavier Cugat & His Waldorf Astoria Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile Again; Quickstep—I'm Nobody's Baby (film 'Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante')... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Me and You; Concerto for Cootie... Duke Ellington & His Famous Orchestra. Fox-Trot—School Days; Alouette... Horace Heidt & His Orchestra. Tango Fox-Trot—The Memory of a Rose... Joe Loss & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Love Lies; When the Swallows Come Back To Capistrano... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.  
 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles  
 S. A. R. Jahn v C. Dunne or Lieut. Shields-Goodman (5).  
 Fung Yee-pui v Kenneth Lo (7).  
 O. Umietani or M. Pagh v H. D. Rumlahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles  
 G. W. Sewell (—4/0) v S. L. Maughan (—2/0) (8).

Club Handicap Doubles  
 H. Van Leeuwen and M. A. Bierens De Haan (—3/0) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15/2) (1); W. R. Lambert and N. D. Lloyd (—1/0) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15/2) (2); B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (—5/6) v J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith (—3/6) (3); R. E. Guest and B. Fay (—3/0) v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6) (4).

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the programme of matches for Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament:—

10.30 A.M.  
 5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats  
 C.B.A. v Destroyers  
 Police "A" v Recreio  
 5th A.A. "A" v Nomads  
 4.00 P.M.  
 Whalsa v Signals  
 Engineers v University.

## FRIENDLY SOCCER

Two friendly football matches will be played to-morrow at the Navy ground. The first game will start at 3.30 p.m. when the Navy second team will play the 7th R.A. This will be followed immediately by the Navy's senior team meeting Sing Tao, at 5 p.m.

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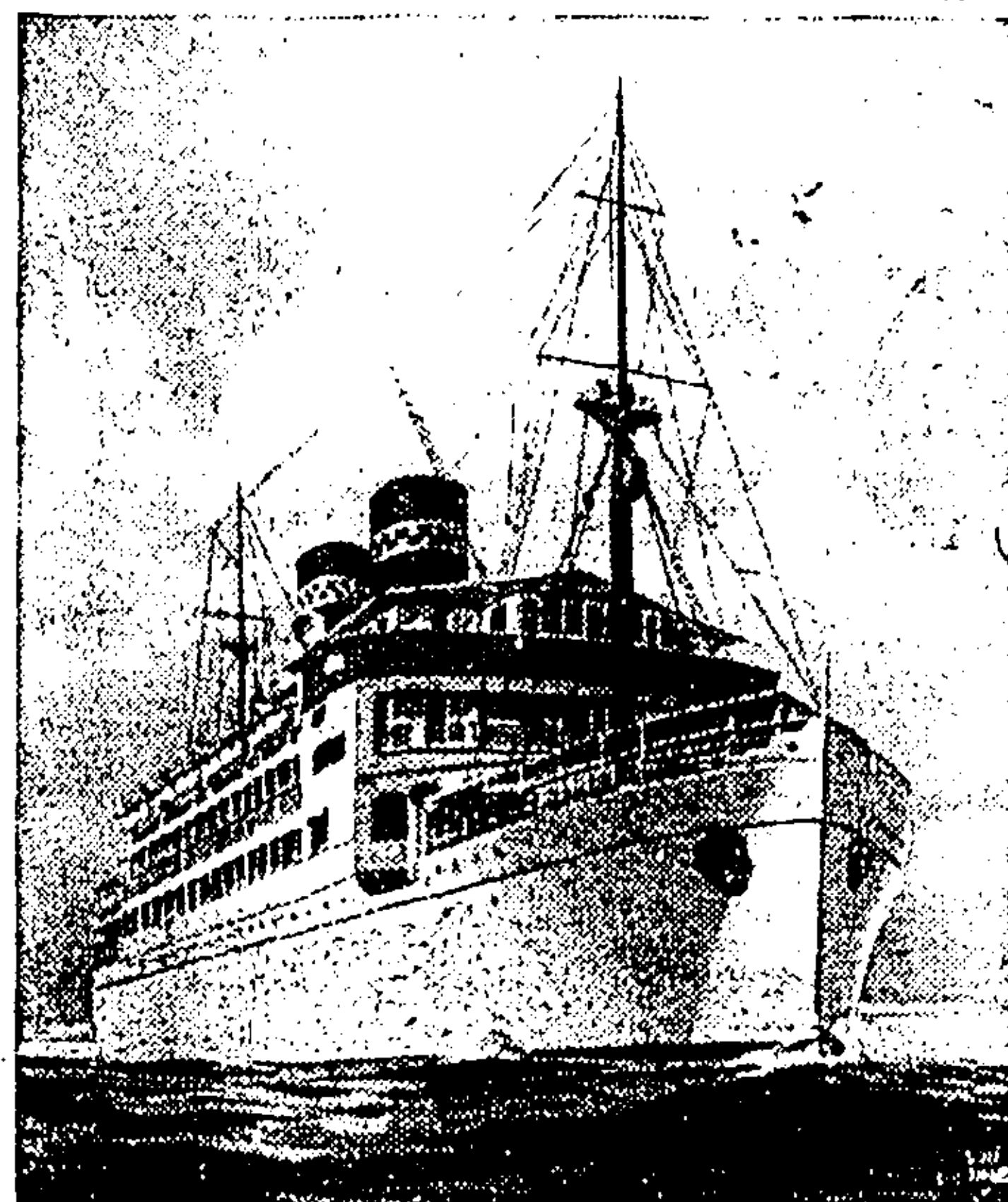
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FAVoured BY BRILLIANT SUNSHINE, THE POSTPONED FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING, HELD AT THE VALLEY ON SATURDAY, ATTRACTED A LARGE CROWD OF RACING FANS, AMONG WHOM WAS HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR GEOFFRY NORTHCOTE.

Mr. L. B. Chao scored a personal triumph by riding three winners to head the list of successful jockeys, while honours among owners went to the Marber Stable with two winners.

The first race, the Randwick Plate (First Section), resulted in an easy win for Jus Gentium (Mr. Black). Casino (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) took the lead followed by Macy (Mr. Sequeira) and Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen). On nearing the Half Mile Post Angel of Glory led with Sunspot (Mr. Chui) second, while Jus Gentium was running nicely in about the fifth position. Immediately after round the Village Bend, Mr. Black sent his pony forward to second position, displacing Sunspot, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) following, and on coming into the straight Jus Gentium went after Angel of Glory which it overhauled near the Distance Post and continued on to win by two lengths from Snow White, which came up with a terrific burst of speed to take second place.

Seal River (Mr. Hearne) just nosed out Angel of Glory for third place. For its win Jus Gentium paid \$5.10 which is the lowest win dividend so far this year, the previous lowest return being \$5.40 paid by Distant View (Pih) in the Chater Cup.

#### Charlesber At Last!

The second race, The Lister Stakes, for non-winning China griffins of this season over six furlongs, saw Charlesber (Mr. Chao) redeeming itself when it won easily.

When the barrier went up, Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis) went into the lead, followed by Raconteur (Mr. Tao), Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) and Charlesber. Passing the Half Mile Post Iron Beauty took command followed by Raconteur and Charlesber, and on rounding the bend Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) displaced Raconteur for the third position. On entering the home straight Mr. Chao urged Charlesber on to overhaul Iron Beauty, which it passed near the Distance Post. Although the latter put up a fight for a while it was no match. Odeon (Mr. Sequeira) had the better of Lovely View (Mr. Pih) to pay \$62.60 for its third placing, this being the second best place dividend of the afternoon.

#### Favourite Wins Again

The third race, The Randwick Plate (Second Section), saw yet



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another favourite romp home to a comfortable win. High Hat (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start followed by National Blessings (Mr. Tao), Daylight (Mr. Wei) and the favourite, Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

After passing the Six Furlong Post the order was still the same but, after passing the Half Mile Post, Corsair was sent up to take the lead, which it maintained to the end.

#### Connie's Fine Finish

The Moonee Ponds Handicap for "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941, saw Lady Northcote's Devonian (Mr. Black), the favourite, make a great effort to win, but Connieber (Mr. Chao) proved the better pony.

At the outset Pumpnickel (Mr. Tang) was leading, followed by Franklin (Mr. Yuen), Derby Day (Mr. Chui Ki-lan) and Devonian.

On reaching the Half Mile Post Franklin took the lead for a while with Derby Day second, and on reaching the Rock Mr. Black sent Devonian out in front and so well was it running that a win was indicated. However, this was not to be, as Connieber came down the straight strongly and after overtaking Devonian, went on to win by two lengths.

Meanwhile Rowan (Mr. Hearne) also came up with a rush but Devonian just managed to stave off its challenge for second place by a neck. His Excellency led in Devonian and was given a warm ovation.

#### Black Seal Redeems Itself

After its numerous failures during the Annual Meeting, Black Seal, under the care of Mr. Needa, for the first time, was made hot favourite in the Randwick Plate (Third Section), which was the first leg of the "Daily Double".

This time it did not disappoint. Fresh Air (Mr. Pan) and Strathalbyn (Mr. Trevorton) went out together immediately on the rise of the barrier and they raced alongside each other until the Football Stands were passed when Strathalbyn gave up the struggle. Fresh Air continued merrily, followed by Bendigo (Mr. Black), Black Seal and The Koala Bear (Mr. Tang).

This order was maintained until rounding the bend, when Mr. Needa sent Black Seal forward to pass the leaders and, once in the lead, in the straight, it was never in danger of being caught, although The Koala Bear made a determined challenge within the last 50 yards. It had to be satisfied with being second. Bendigo was third.

#### Big Race: Big Upset

The main event of the day was the Melbourne Cup, for Australian Ponies that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941.

The race resulted in a big upset when Endeavour, cleverly ridden by Mr. Peter Wei, won fairly easily and as a result this combination paid \$150.90 for a win ticket, this return being the second best so far this year, the previous best being Racylight's (Noordt) \$171.20 in the Victoria Stakes.

The race started with Australian Diamond (Mr. Chang) running away. It was followed by Colooma (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis) and Endeavour, with the remainder of the field in a procession far behind. The same order was maintained for the first mile and on reaching the winning post for the second time Australian Diamond was still running strongly, well ahead of the others, and it looked as if it had a good chance of winning.

After passing the Rock in the final run home, it was still leading but Colooma and Marsh Warbler fell out of the race and it was then that Endeavour asserted itself.

Coming into the straight Australian Diamond was still leading, through tiring fast. It was overhauled by Endeavour near the Distance Post, the latter going on to win by four lengths, with Viceroy third another three lengths behind.

In winning this race Endeavour gave us a glimpse of its ability over long distances on a hard track, and Sapper, the reigning Champion, will have to be at its best if they happen to clash.

Australian Diamond paid \$70.20 for its second placing, this being the best place return of the afternoon.

#### Mr. Black's Fine Judgment

The Broadmeadows Handicap over one mile for "C" Class Australian ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double", and here again the favourite, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), failed.

The race itself was devoid of interest immediately Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) took command on rounding the bend, and although Mr. Needa tried very hard, he had to admit defeat by a neck. Cocklebot (Mr. Davis) was third, three lengths behind. Shuttlecock rewarded its 241 "Double" backers with \$42.60 each for their \$5.00 bet.

#### Unseated, Then Wins

The Randwick Plate (Fourth Section) for non-winning subscription griffins of this season provided another upset, Mr. Chao bringing in Optima Fide to win, to pay \$45.20, the second best win dividend of the afternoon. A Rosy Time (Mr. Black) and Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne), which commanded practically all the support, finished second and third, respectively, to Optima Fide.

Tobaccochip (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start and set a fast pace in an unsuccessful attempt at a run-away win, falling through lack of stamina. It was overhauled on rounding the Village Bend by A Rosy Time, Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Optima Fide.

With A Rosy Time and Royal Sovereign fighting neck and neck for supremacy, it was noticed that the latter, on coming into the straight, had bored but considerably, and as a result faded out of the race.

In the meantime Optima Fide came up fast and overtook A Rosy Time near the Half Mile Post, then went on to win by half a length from Sydney Lady, which put up a last-minute burst to snatch second place from A Rosy Time by a neck.

Prior to the start Mr. Chao was unseated just outside the paddock on the way to the starting gate, but luckily the rider was unhurt and remounted to score an excellent win.

#### Oracle's Record Run

The last race of the day, the Oakleigh Plate for non-winning Australian ponies (griffins) of the

## FONG CHI-HUNG BETTERS INTER-SCHOOL RECORD

DESPITE THE HEAVY track after the recent rain, no fewer than six records were smashed at the Wah Yan College Annual Athletic Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The highlight of the day was when Fong Chi-hung broke the record for Senior Pole Vault when he cleared 10 feet thus smashing not only the school's record of 9 feet 8 inches, but the Inter-School's mark as well.

The other records were the "B" Grade Long Jump, "C" Grade Shot Putt, "A" Grade Shot Putt, "C" Grade 200 metres, "B" Grade High Jump. The "A" Grade 100 metres was equalled.

Fong Chi-hung won the school championship with 48½ points, while Wong Kwok-fai took the Junior Championship with 27½ points.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. M. B. Costello, president of the Catholic Women's League, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Following were the results:—

Hop, Step and Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 3. Lau Chik-kin (Green). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Hop, Step and Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Long Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 2. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 3. Ng Yiu-choy (Green). Distance: 13 ft. 10 in.

Shot Putt, "B" Grade:—1. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 2. Tse Shung-wai (Green); 3. Wong Yiu-choy (Purple). Distance: 39 ft. 8½ in.

Long Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Lai Chung-ying (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in. (Record).

Shot Putt, "C" Grade:—1. Sze Chun-kee (Green); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Distance: 32 ft. 1½ in. (Record).

High Jump, "C" Grade:—1. Tong Pak-ho (Purple); 2. Tam Kam-ho (Blue). Height: 4 ft.

100 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Lam Shiu-cheung (Green). Time: 13.3/5 sec.

Pole Vault, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black); 3. Kwan Kam-pui (Blue). Height: 8 ft. 2 in.

100 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Chi-fung (Green); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Ho Cham-ying (White). Time: 11.4/5 sec. (Equals Record).

1,500 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Felix Fung (White); 2. Lee Kai-hum (Black); 3. Pak Ho-sheung (Green). Time: 5 min. 16.1/5 sec.

100 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 2. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 12.3/5 sec.

Shot Putt, "A" Grade:—1. Wong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Woo Sal-cheung (Black); 3. Wong Yiu-nin (White). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in. (Record).

200 Metres, "C" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Yuen Man-ping (Blue). Time: 28 sec. (Record).

800 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Felix Fung (Green). Time: 3 min. 30 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Senior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Yu Yick-leung; 2. Chan Yip-sun. Time: 28.3/5 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Junior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Yan Kwan-leung; 2. Mak Po-shue. Time: 27.3/5 sec.

High Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Wong Wai-keung (Black). Height: 5 ft. 3 in. (Record).

400 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 2. Cheung Kat-pui (Black); 3. Chan Shiu-kei (Red). Time: 58.4/5 sec.

Three-Legged Race, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Ping-fun and Hui Siu-lam. 200 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Ho Sal-man (Green); 3. Wong Man-shuen (Blue). Time: 26.2/5 sec.

High Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Lau Chik-kin (Green); 3. Wan Kel-hing (White). Height: 5 ft. 4½ in.

100 Metres (Open to the Junior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Lee Chi-wan; 2. Fung Tsal-tak. Time: 13.3/5 sec.

200 Metres (Open to the Servants of Wah Yan College):—1. Tam Cheuk-yuen; 2. Cheung Wai-hei.

200 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Chik-kin (Green); 2. Chan Shiu-kei (Red); 3. Ho Cham-ying (White). Time: 25.2/5 sec.

400 Metres Girls' Relay Race:—1. French Convent; 2. St. Mary's School. Long Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lau Chik-kin (Green); 3. Cheung Kat-pui (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in.

800 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Cheung Kat-pui (Black); 2. Fung Kim-hing (Green); 3. So Ping-sheung (Red). Time: 2 min. 18 sec.

200 Metres (Open to the Senior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Lung Yiu-han; 2. Wong Tse-cheung. Time: 26.3/5 sec.

Invitation Relay Race:—1. La Salle College; 2. King's College. Pole Vault, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black). Height: 10 ft. (Record).

80 Metres Low Hurdles, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Time: 14 sec.

80 Metres Middle Hurdles, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Li Wing-to (Black). Time: 13.2/5 sec.

110 Metres High Hurdles, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lau Chik-kin (Green); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 19.4/5 sec.

Sack Race Relay, "C" Grade:—1. Fan Chung-hon (Purple); 2. Ma Shiu-lun (Green). Time: 50 sec.

400 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Lam Fai-leung (Green); 3. Cheung Lam-nick (Black). Time: 61.3/5 sec.

800 Metres (Open to the Colony):—1. Mr. Manson; 2. Mr. Ho Yik-shui. Time: 2 min. 13.3/5 sec.

200 Metres Old Boys' Race:—1. Lo Han-van; 2. Cheung Ng-chau. Time: 25.2/5 sec.

Relay Race (Open to the Scouts of the 15th H.K.):—1. Ho Sal-man; 2. Wong Yiu-choy.

800 Metres (Open to Ricci Hall):—1. James Leung; 2. K. S. Gill.

400 Metres "C" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. Purple House; 2. "Red" House; 3. "White" House. Time: 62.1/5 sec.

400 Metres "B" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. "Green" House; 2. "Black" House; 3. "Purple" House.

400 Metres "A" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. "Black" House; 2. "White" House; 3. "Red" House.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS RESULTS

Following were yesterday's tennis results:—

OPEN SINGLES. H. Van Leeuwen beat G. W. Sewell 6-1, 6-1.

H. J. Armstrong beat A. H. Barwell 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES. S. E. Lavrov beat J. Stirling Lee 6-1, 8-6.

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES. A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church beat R. E. Guest and Mrs. Lambert Baker 6-1, 6-1.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prother beat E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell 6-1, 6-2.

season over the mile, resulted in Oracle, another favourite, winning in the record time of 1.44 (in the new scale of weights) thus giving Mr. Needa his second win of the afternoon.

Canberra (Mr. Black) jumped into the lead on the rise of the gate, with Riverside (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao) following. On reaching the Rock Riverside gave up the fight with Canberra still ahead, though Nomine Poenae took command on rounding the bend until about 100 from the winning post, when Mr. Needa came through with a terrific burst to pass Canberra and then overhaul Nomine Poenae to win by a length and a half, with Prairie View (Mr. Pih) having the better of the now trailing Canberra for third place.



# POOR FIELDING MARS NEEDLE SOFTBALL MATCH

## Canuckettes Lead For Two Innings

### Wildcats Score Four Runs In Third-Inning Rally

By "Grandstand"

THE LADIES' SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS DECIDED ON SUNDAY, WHEN THE WILDCATS ROLLED OVER THE CANADIAN CHINESE CUTIES 9-7 IN THEIR FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON, TO ANNEX THE SOUTHWARD SHIELD.

Whilst hurler Thelma Collaco was handcuffing the Canuckettes with three measly hits, her teammates collected eight safeties off Maple Leaf fireball tosser Mary Ng, five of which were bunched up in the third for a five-run uprising. Collaco fanned four and also walked four, whilst Mary Ng whiffed two and passed none.

In her seven innings on the mound, Thelma Collaco threw a total of 113 balls compared to Mary Ng's 92 pitches in six sessions.

Both teams were keyed up to a highly nervous condition, and good fielding was not a feature of the game, the victors being guilty of 13 errors to the losers' seven.

The Maple Leafs threatened from the start, when they had two on bases on walks after two were gone, but Mary Ng hit into a force play for no gain. In the next chapter, however, Jay Wong was given a life on a miff and scored on Lily Lee's slow roller for the first Canadian run, whilst Dot Louie tallied again in the third frame on two Wildcat bobbles.

For the first two frames, the Canuckettes fielded tighter than the lid on a molasses jar as the Untamed Felines were retired in order without having so much as a smell of first base, but in the third stanza, the Walloping Wildcats unleashed a five-hit attack to garner four markers and take the lead, then piling on another four counters in the next session on two hits assisted by four Maple Leaf miscues.

#### Late Rally

Booting five times in an erratic fielding display in the fifth, the Wildcats conceded two Canadian runs.

Trailing 9-4 in the last frame, the Canuckettes staged a spirited late-rally, but could only push across three markers, before the Wildcats went into a huddle and retired the side.

Wildcat third-sacker Gloria Mar connected for the only extra-base clout of the fracas with a two-bagger, whilst Jay Wong had four stolen bases to her credit. Eight Canuckettes died on the sacks as compared with the two stranded by the Wildcats.

#### Socorro Castro Shines

In the other game in the ladies' loop, Wahos subdued the Panthers 13-7 in a five-inning tilt. Big Chief Therese Noronha toiled on the slab for the Owls and fanned two, whilst Lelia Xavier, hurling for the Pantherettes, sent three Owls down swinging with her tricky upshoots. Noronha issued free transportation to first to seven Panthers.

The Owls scored in every inning, and based their victory on two clusters of runs which totalled 10 in the first two frames.

Only one double-killing was made, when Socorro Castro clamped her hands on Lelia Xavier's hot liner and tossed Regina Xavier out at first.

Three-baggers were belted in by Therese Noronha and Panther rookie/gardener Patsy Ribeiro, the latter being nailed at the plate in attempting to stretch it into a homer.

#### Ladies' Internationals

Wahoo keystone Socorro Castro had a perfect day with the hickory returning a three in three performances, whilst Pantherette Hilda Soares also registered two in two. Both of Irene Castilho's safeties went for doubles.

It is understood that a team to represent Great Britain in the Ladies' International Softball series in being formed, and a practice has been arranged for to-morrow at Kowloon Football Club, whilst a meeting will be held at Club de Recreio at 6.30 p.m. this evening to discuss Portugal's entry. All those interested are invited to attend.

## BROWN PLAYS BIG PART IN BIG V.R.C. PLAY-OFF WIN

By "Grandstand"

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB claimed the right to be first holders of the Limjap trophy, emblematic of Second Division softball supremacy, when they dished out the most one-sided defeat of the season to the Chung Hwa Maroons, swamping them 16-3 in the Junior League play-off on Sunday.

V.R.C. slabster, Sonny "Jock" Brown, pitched his team to victory in a stellar mound performance, by turning out a three-hit job in which he whiffed three, passed one to first, and aided his own cause by banging out the only homer of the fracas with the bases clogged.

Chung Hwa hurler P. F. Choy pitched for four innings and was replaced by Al Lau on the hill in the fifth canto. Choy, who yielded six safeties during his tenure on the mound, struck out three, but issued seven free tickets to first, whilst chucker Lau was too liberal with his hits, allowing the Crusaders to nick him for three safeties in the fifth inning.

#### First Blood

Chung Hwa drew first blood when Bill Chang made second on a wild heave in the initial frame and scored on Choy's triple to deep right, but the Crusaders repelled with a cluster of four markers in their turn with the bat, when hindsnatcher Alex "Big Boy" Azedo came through with a base-clearing triple.

In the next frame P. K. Lau romped in on Brown's only wild pitch of the game for the second Chung Hwa marker, but the Victorians produced another four-run spurge on two hits to increase the lead.

Another Chung Hwa tally trickled over the plate when gardener Loney Loong drew a pass, pilfered second and scored on Azedo's wild heave.

For the rest of the tussle, the Maroons were blanked in one, two, three order except in the seventh, when C. Y. Ho singled to centre, but was left stranded on second.

Chung Hwa pitcher shortstop

### LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

| SENIOR LEAGUE         |    |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|----|-------|
|                       | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| St. Joseph's          | 10 | 2  | .833  |
| Hong Kong Baseballers | 11 | 3  | .786  |
| Indians               | 10 | 3  | .769  |
| Recreio Aces          | 6  | 5  | .545  |
| Cyclones              | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Chinese Baseballers   | 5  | 7  | .417  |
| Filipinos             | 2  | 10 | .167  |
| Canadian Chinese      | 0  | 13 | .000  |
| JUNIOR LEAGUE         |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| V.R.C.                | 10 | 1  | .909  |
| Chung Hwa             | 9  | 2  | .818  |
| Recreio Aces          | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| R.A.F.                | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| Cosmopolitans         | 6  | 4  | .600  |
| Liga Portuguesa       | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| South China           | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| Royal Scots           | 3  | 6  | .333  |
| 8th R.A.              | 3  | 7  | .300  |
| C.B.A.                | 1  | 8  | .111  |
| Royal Engineers       | 0  | 7  | .000  |
| LADIES' LEAGUE        |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| Wildcats              | 13 | 1  | .929  |
| Canadian Chinese      | 12 | 2  | .857  |
| Wahos                 | 10 | 4  | .714  |
| Cardinals             | 8  | 6  | .571  |
| Baby Panthers         | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Recreio Ramblarettes  | 4  | 10 | .286  |
| Chung Hwa             | 1  | 13 | .071  |
| Little Flowers        | 1  | 13 | .071  |
| INTER-HONG LEAGUE     |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pctg. |
| Hong Kong Bankers     | 5  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Shell Oilers          | 3  | 1  | .750  |
| Texaco Oilers         | 4  | 2  | .667  |
| Lacas                 | 2  | 2  | .500  |
| Chartered Bankers     | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Cables                | 0  | 4  | .000  |
| Greenspots            | 0  | 5  | .000  |

### SENIOR LEAGUE

## MOHAWKS BEAT CANUCKS

By "Grandstand"

Shellacking Cyclone hurler Pinky Pineda for 15 safeties, the Chinese Baseballers triumphed over the Cyclones 9-3 in a game devoid of interest.

Two expensive wild heaves by Cyclone hindsnatcher Ahdor Rumjahn in the first chapter gave the Chinese Baseballers a two-run lead, whilst a batting rampage in the second netted the Liumen four more counters. Taking advantage of three Chinese miscues in the second, the Cyclones chalked up two runs, and managed one more tally, when Barney Abbas dented the counting station on three successive bobbles.

Denham Cray, who went the route for the Chinese Baseballers, whiffed seven and walked three, whilst the Cyclone twirler passed one, and fanned none. The big guns of the offensive were Nip Lum and John Fisher, both of whom batted safely three times in four batting chances, but it was Cyclone centre-gardener, "Sunburn" Omar, who stole the thunder when he shoestrunged Nip Lum's bingle over second base to rob him of a perfect batting day.

Although Omar was fanned in his first trip to the plate, he atoned for it by cracking out a single.

#### Mohawks Win

Behind the two-hit pitching of Johnson, the Mohawks humiliated the Canadian Chinese 10-1 to preserve their flickering pennant hopes. Bill Woo, toeing the rubber for the Canucks, was found for 11 blows, of which seven were bunched up in the first for eight (count 'em) Mohawk runs, whilst Johnson walked two in his initial mound performance.

Pete Fitch poled out the longest hit of the game with a triple, which would have been a four-bagger had he not stumbled between first and second. Johnnie Shaberg, Fitch and Davis were also good for a double apiece.

### CUP FINAL POSTPONED

The Final of the "Artillery Soccer Cup" between 20th R.A. and 30th R.A. which was to be played to-day has been postponed.

### SERVICE CORPS' CRICKET WIN

Royal Army Service Corps defeated Royal Corps of Signals by 84 runs in the Semi-Final of the Small Units Cricket Knock Out Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Scores:—

| R.A.S.C.                         |     |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| L/Cpl. Logan, c Love, b Murphy   | 32  |  |  |
| Cpl. Young, b Dixon              | 25  |  |  |
| Sgt. French, l.b.w., b Dixon     | 0   |  |  |
| Capt. Dewar, b Murphy            | 2   |  |  |
| Sgt. Hamlen, not out             | 7   |  |  |
| Sgt. Benford, b Murphy           | 0   |  |  |
| Lieut. Howell, c Dixon, b Murphy | 0   |  |  |
| Cpl. Glen, c Dixon, b Murphy     | 0   |  |  |
| L/Cpl. Gavier, c Lees, b Dixon   | 1   |  |  |
| Sgt. Martin, st., b Murphy       | 27  |  |  |
| Sgt. Mason, b Murphy             | 2   |  |  |
| Extras (B5, LB4)                 | 9   |  |  |
| Total                            | 126 |  |  |

| Bowling Analysis |      |    |    |
|------------------|------|----|----|
|                  | O.   | M. | R. |
| Dixon            | 13   | 2  | 58 |
| Murphy           | 12.1 | 0  | 59 |

| SIGNALS                      |    |  |  |
|------------------------------|----|--|--|
| Benford, c Hamlen, b Dewar   | 6  |  |  |
| Sharland, c Logan, b Dewar   | 1  |  |  |
| Murphy, l.b.w., b Young      | 6  |  |  |
| Tomlinson, st., b Martin     | 1  |  |  |
| Dixon, b Young               | 5  |  |  |
| Mr. Bucke, b Young           | 0  |  |  |
| Copsey, not out              | 4  |  |  |
| Pitcher, st. Hamlen, b Dewar | 6  |  |  |
| Lithauer, l.b.w., b Young    | 0  |  |  |
| Love, b Young                | 0  |  |  |
| Lees, st., b Dewar           | 0  |  |  |
| Extras (B9, NB1)             | 10 |  |  |
| Total                        | 42 |  |  |

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. |
| Dewar            | 12 | 4  | 22 |
| Young            | 6  | 1  | 6  |
| Martin           | 5  | 1  | 4  |

### YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's Badminton Championship:—

#### JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth beat R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao 15-3, 15-1.

#### JUNIOR SINGLES

J. Odell beat M. Talan, 17-14, 15-9.  
P. A. Yvanovich received a walkover from H. Dingsdale.





# RIBBENTROP

## Of Respect For Sovereignty!

RIBBENTROP, THE Nazi Foreign Minister, winding up the proceedings at Yugoslavia's signing of the Tripartite Pact by congratulating Yugoslavia on her decision, referred to the "crooked intrigue engineered by England to interfere in Yugoslavia's inner policy with certain forces of this State."

He had been told that "even in the last few days attempts at interference on the part of English and American circles had been made, which can only be described as unheard of and which can in no way be reconciled with the respect due to the sovereignty of a free European State."

Solemnly disclaiming that Germany had any territorial interests in the Balkans, Ribbentrop said: "Germany's only final aim will be exclusively to help the introduction of the order which will pacify justly and reasonably this important corner of Europe."

Ribbentrop said the same applied to East Asia.

### The "Object"

"It would be the object of the powers united in the Three-Power Pact and the States lined up with them to see that a Europe and an East Asia should exist in which these States would be free from foreign influences and intrigues in the construction of their own national life."

After the signature ceremony Hitler held a reception at the Belvedere Palace during which over coffee he talked especially with the Yugoslav Premier

and Foreign Minister, the Italian Foreign Minister and the Japanese Ambassador.

Among those present were Field-Marshal Keitel and the German Ambassador in Rome.—Reuter.

## NAVAL SWEEP IN MEDITERRANEAN

A British Naval communique issued from Alexandria yesterday stated: "The Mediterranean Fleet has been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period from March 21 to March 24 covering various convoy movements."

"During these operations one enemy reconnaissance aircraft was shot down and at least another damaged. No enemy surface forces were encountered."—Reuter.

## STRONGER THAN IT APPEARS

Fear of German control of the Dardanelles is the motive of Russia's renewed pledge to Turkey, according to the foreign editor of the New York "World-Telegram" yesterday.

He thinks the undertaking is stronger than it appears. — Reuter.

## IMMIGRATION INQUIRY

(Continued from Page 1) by the Immigration Office. As this racketeering continued, he again saw Mr. Forrest asking for some protection since, in meeting Mr. Forrest's proposals, he had invested everything in the business. He told Mr. Forrest he could no longer carry on. He was losing money.

Mr. Forrest then said the situation could be improved if Mr. Kobza would also act as an Agent filling in forms for applicants, and this he decided to do.

At that time Mr. Forrest told him he had discovered that some of his employees were interested in the agencies, and added that he was opposed to a monopoly. Later, Mr. Forrest changed his mind and said he was about to propose a scheme to Government for a monopoly. He (witness) was invited to write any suggestions he might care to make and did so. Later, he was told Government had rejected the proposal.

### Minimum Rate

In a further interview, Mr. Forrest asked for his help in combating the racketeering and asked him if he could do the work of filling in forms and issuing photographs at a minimum rate. He told Mr. Forrest he saw no reason why a charge of not more than \$1 should be made to cover clerical work and the supply of photographs. He immediately started to operate on that basis.

At the beginning of January, Mr. Forrest indicated that he wanted to decentralise the work through the agencies and asked witness whether he would be prepared to act as the go-between between the agencies and the Immigration Office.

A written agreement was mooted and after further discussions, he was told that the new scheme should operate from January 21. Mr. Forrest sketched out a rough form of agreement and witness took it to his solicitors. This agreement was signed on January 21.

An endorsement was added at Mr. Forrest's request on January 30.

### Bank Account

The agreement provided that he keep a separate account at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and he intended that the account should be styled "General Agents, Immigration Office."

It was actually opened in this name, said Mr. Kobza, but the bank telephoned him and informed him that the account would be known as Kobza Art Studio No. 2 Account.

He verbally informed the Immigration Officer of the bank's message, and Mr. Forrest was quite satisfied.

The cheque referred to in the evidence given by Mr. Pudney was drawn on that special account.

# PRATES

## CHINA'S NEEDS MAGNIFICENTLY BRIEF

FIRST REPORTS CLAIMING SOME INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE'S REPORT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON FREE CHINA APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON PRESS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Currie is known in Washington as one of President Roosevelt's assistants "with a passion for anonymity," to which might also be added silence.

Described as no military expert but a good reporter, Mr. Currie is said to have brought back a remarkable list of Chinese requirements for a Chinese counter-offensive against Japan.

The list, in the nature of modern warfare, is called "magnificently brief."

China is said to want less than 20 Flying Fortresses, about 200 up-to-date fighters, a quantity of aviation gas, steel alloys and other raw materials and a certain amount of artillery ammunition, which is regarded as sufficient to "knock the spots off the Japanese."

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### MOSCOW QUIET

The Moscow Radio reported the signing of the Pact briefly and without comment, and afterwards referred for the first time to the Belgrade Government crisis preceding the journey of the Ministers to Vienna. — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Certain British circles in London link the Matsuoka trip with plans for an "aggressive Axis bloc" from the North Sea to the Pacific.

They say Germany is trying to use Japan to cement closer Russo-German relations, which Hitler considers indispensable to his plans.

It is actually alleged that Russian submarines have been sent from the Black Sea to Greek waters and that others for some time have been operating with U-boats in the South Atlantic, carrying German navigators and specialists!

THUS FAR, IT IS SAID IN LONDON, JAPAN HAS REJECTED GERMAN DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE PACIFIC. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

ICELAND  
BLOCKADE  
WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Iceland has been included in the German blockade zone, which has been extended as far as the Arctic Circle and Greenland's three-mile limit, it was announced in Berlin yesterday.

The extension, it was added, is a "consequence of the illegal British occupation of Iceland."

The Nazis have warned that all ships, including American, entering the expanded zone are liable to attack.

The Germans formally announced they can now mine these waters.

In Washington yesterday officials were reticent when asked if the blockade of Iceland is an inroad on the Monroe Doctrine. — International News Service.

Playing  
With Their  
Own Heads

"Our cup is full," declares a leaflet widely distributed by a patriotic organisation in Belgrade.

The signature of the Tripartite Pact is described in the leaflet as meaning "a certain, shameful death for the country and the freedom of its people."

"Those who play with the heads of sixteen million people play with their own heads." — Reuter.

Events Believed  
Moving To Climax

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LARGE NUMBERS OF BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE HAVE REACHED THE YUGOSLAV FRONTIER WEST OF SALONIKA, IT WAS STATED IN BELGRADE YESTERDAY.

The possibility is not excluded, meanwhile, that a large portion of the 1,000,000-strong Yugoslav army will join the British.

A new Cabinet crisis has broken out, it is rumoured, while anti-Pact demonstrations have been held at Skoplje, Knjazevac and Cetinje.

High school students in Belgrade paraded singing the National Anthem and yelling anti-Axis slogans until their teachers intervened.

More violent outbreaks are feared in the provinces.

High Yugoslav Government sources say the Axis decision was made only after asking England for definite guarantees, including a definite number of tanks.

They allege the reply was vague and unsatisfactory.

## Must Be Aware

First authoritative British comment on Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact is that Yugoslavia certainly "must be aware of the British intention to attack German forces wherever they may be."

THE "DAILY EXPRESS" AFFIRMS THAT THE BRITISH MIDDLE EAST ARMY HAS BEEN STRONGLY REINFORCED RECENTLY, WITH EVENTS MOVING TO A CLIMAX IN THE EAST MEDITERRANEAN.

The paper says British troops may be facing the Germans in the Struma Valley. — International News Service.

ITALIANS  
COUNTING  
THE CHICKENS!

Rome radio yesterday claimed that British troops in Salonika face "another Dunkirk" as their position is now untenable owing to Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis. — International News Service.

MATSUOKA NOW  
IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, arrived on German soil yesterday.

He was greeted at Malkinia, the border station, by Max Stahmer Gormer, special envoy to Tokyo. — International News Service.

CHINA'S NEEDS  
MAGNIFICENTLY  
BRIEF

FIRST REPORTS CLAIMING SOME INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE'S REPORT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON FREE CHINA APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON PRESS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Currie is known in Washington as one of President Roosevelt's assistants "with a passion for anonymity," to which might also be added silence.

Duchess  
Of Kent's  
Message

Broadcasting to the Greek nation on the occasion of Greek Independence Day, the Duchess of Kent said: "I wish you to know that we here are proud of your magnificent deeds and great valour."

My thoughts are very often with you and when I think of the hardships you are suffering with such fortitude I am doubly proud. — I know what this day means to

Described as no military expert but a good reporter, Mr. Currie is said to have brought back a remarkable list of Chinese requirements for a Chinese counter-offensive against Japan.

The list, in the nature of modern warfare, is called "magnificently brief."

China is said to want less than 20 Flying Fortresses, about 200 up-to-date fighters, a quantity of aviation gas, steel alloys and other raw materials and a certain amount of artillery, ammunition, which is regarded as sufficient to "knock the spots off the Japanese."

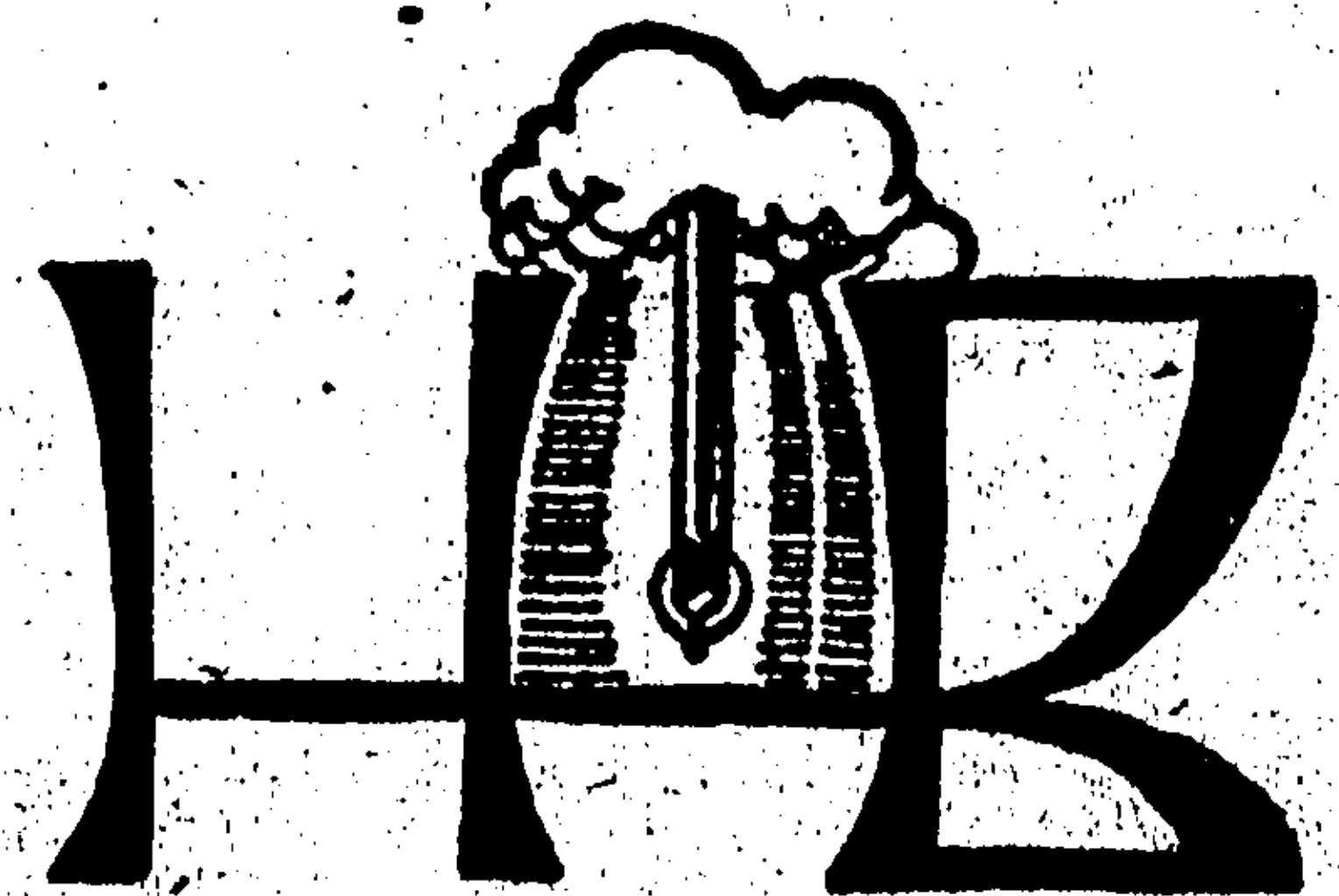
Mr. Currie is said to have come back converted to boldness in American Far Eastern policy.

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all of you. It contains the same message for all those fighting against tyranny and aggression.

To the Greek nation and my numerous friends in the country of my birth I send hearty greetings and the confidence that we shall win and see a victorious peace. — British Wireless

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# BRITAIN'S AIMS DEFINED

Lord Halifax Gives Outline In Brilliant Speech

## Victory First: New World Society

**BRITAIN'S WAR AND PEACE AIMS WERE DEFINED BY LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, AT A SPEECH AT THE DINNER OF THE PILGRIM SOCIETY IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT, AS WINNING THE WAR, PREVENTING A REPETITION OF SUCH A TRAGEDY AND HELPING TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE PROSPERITY IS JUSTLY SHARED.**

Lord Halifax opened with a high tribute to the work of Lord Lothian for Anglo-American understanding.

"The fruits of his labour stand to-day for all the world to see. He would not, I think, have wished any better monument."

Lord Halifax attributed the steady drawing together of the thought of two countries to the instinctive reaction of the two peoples to the challenge of the new philosophy of totalitarian dictatorship.

### Dark Menace

As the struggle had grown more intense reason and conscience combined to make them both realise even more clearly the dark menace to things equally precious to both countries, and this common purpose was sealed anew by the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

"It is difficult to exaggerate what this means. Across the seas, in the front line which is Britain, as in the hearts of those submerged for a time under the German wave, there will be felt a new confidence; in the enemy camp new doubts, as all alike remember the history of the last war, and the time is surely approaching when the weight of this nation must tip the scales." Lord Halifax defined the Nazi system as "bondage, bodily, spiritual, political and economic."

### "New Order"

He said Hitler's "new order" would divide the world into the Germans, as the master race, and other nations as second-class peoples with rights and interests subordinated to those of the ruling caste.

For Europe such a system involved shackling industry and commerce, ruthless compulsion instead of free contact and the permanent enslavement of all peoples.

But German ambitions did not stop at Europe. "Already Hitler is scheming to overrun great tracts of Africa and Asia."

### "Straits Of Dakar"

"Across what has now become the Straits of Dakar an invader of Africa, if he could once establish undisputed mastery of Europe, could swiftly pounce upon your Latin neighbours to the south."

"THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, AS A STANDING CHALLENGE TO GERMAN DOMINATION, COULD BE ATTACKED BEFORE IT HAD TIME TO ARM IN SELF-DEFENCE."

"In any case the doors of trade in Europe, Asia and Africa would be closed to us except on terms laid down by Germany."

"Would Hitler attempt this last and greatest act of highway robbery? We cannot tell. Some will advance arguments against the likelihood of his so acting; he might, indeed, achieve much the same result without an actual armed attack."

### National Security

"Others may surely feel with us that where national security is involved it is

not enough to rely upon the disputed balance of probability."

Lord Halifax continued: "This struggle is a mortal clash of two philosophies and we only delude ourselves if we suppose that the civilisation we share with you could survive a Nazi victory."

"It is not only with a physical invasion that we are concerned but with a spiritual invasion, which if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive that it is in the power of the German air force to unload."

### War Aim

Lord Halifax, declaring that "we will never accept Hitler's new order," defined the principal war aim of Britain and its Allies as to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom but added that victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we could also achieve what must be the greatest peace aim of securing the world as far as humanly possible against a repetition of this tragedy.

"When this great battle is won, nations which have preserved or regained their freedom will have a sovereign opportunity to show what freedom means and what it can do for the welfare of mankind."

"It is not possible now to draw detailed plans for the future structure of the community of nations but we are already in a position as a basis on which agreement must be founded."

### Mutual Welfare

"Nations can exist in freedom and security only if they are prepared to cooperate for mutual economic welfare and, if need be, for mutual defence."

In the economic sphere everything depended upon such cooperation but no party to such an association would be ambitious to dominate its partners.

Every nation, great and small, would have its place and make its own contribution.

Moreover, past experience had taught that stable international order must admit of an ordered change in relations between States.

Just as the liberty of the individual must have regard to the needs of the community, so must every nation in future accept its obligations to the general family of nations and be ready in both political and economic spheres to consider the welfare of its neighbours.

### Hand Extended

Lord Halifax declared: "We for our part are prepared to join hands with any state which genuinely seeks peace and prosperity in the world by loyally observing its engagements and ensuring liberty within its borders."

"It would be valueless to force unwanted associations upon unwilling nations. We must rather try and create conditions, political and economic, in which there may grow among people themselves a real sense of their community interest."

"In the British Commonwealth of Nations experience has taught us that nations differing greatly in numbers, wealth, race and social structure can yet freely associate together, and the British Common-

wealth bastion of world defence to-day may well become the bridge of a greater world unity to-morrow.

### Single Whole

"In many respects the world must be treated in future as a single whole."

"When victory is won it must be our aim to promote the common interest in the greatest possible interchange of goods and services."

Britain was ready to participate in plans to promote economic cooperation on a worldwide scale. "Our aim will be prosperity justly shared."

Lord Halifax emphasised that even now Britain was planning to remedy post-war impoverishment, arranging to establish stocks of food and raw materials which could be released as soon as we could be sure they would be used for this work of healing and not for our destruction.

### Task Of Rebuilding

The business of rebuilding after the war would be a task far beyond the strength of any single country.

Britain was resolved to do her best but clearly, if the world was to be brought back to health, it would only be by the united action of all men and all nations of goodwill.

After the war and until we could be satisfied of Germany's cooperation, he could hardly doubt that nations resolved to preserve peace and freedom must retain sufficient armed strength to make their will effective.

### World Society

Lord Halifax hoped that in this, as in other matters, "our two peoples will appreciate the immense responsibility that will jointly rest upon them," and that in the words of Pascal they might combine justice and power so that the spirit of their cooperation might deserve and win the support of all other peoples like-minded with ourselves to strengthen the foundations of world society.

Thus only would it be possible to ensure that neither Germany nor any other country should revert to those policies which had plunged Europe into five wars within the last 80 years.

### Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the "Battle of the Atlantic," Lord Halifax said: "Our experience shows that while in the coming months these attacks may cause us grave losses, our defensive methods are sound provided they can be developed with adequate strength and speed."

In the next few critical months it would, as he saw it, be a race between the mounting total of our shipping losses and the increase in defensive weapons that would reduce them below the danger level.

"I have no doubt, with the help you will be able to give, of our ability to win this race." DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF AN INVASION OF BRITAIN, LORD HALIFAX RETURNED A "CONFIDENT AND UNHESITATING NO" TO THE QUESTION WHETHER AN INVASION COULD SUCCEED.

He based this belief, he concluded, not only upon all the defence preparations, tireless devotion of the British forces and civil defence personnel and the help of the United States but also on the spirit of the British race. — Reuter.

### THE FIRST PROTEST

THE YUGOSLAV MINISTER TO MOSCOW HAS SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL YESTERDAY. — Reuter.

### YUGOSLAV FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

President Roosevelt yesterday ordered that all Yugoslav funds in the United States are to be frozen. — Reuter.

## Greeks Cannot Believe

Greece's reaction to Yugoslavia's action was voiced over Athens radio last night.

"Greek public opinion," said the announcer, "still cannot believe that Yugoslavia will desert the alliance and traditional friendship that has united the two countries for years."

"Greek public opinion looks to the future with calm in the sure belief that the brave Serbian people and army will never allow their glorious history to be sullied by an act which they themselves would certainly qualify as a stab in the back against an allied people." — Reuter.

## SOVIET PLEASES U.S.

The satisfaction of the United States at the assurances given by Soviet Russia on Turkey was expressed yesterday by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State.

The Soviet guarantee is regarded in Washington as a practically unprecedented move.

Mr. Sumner Welles told his press conference yesterday that "It is a measure of great satisfaction to the United States when a great power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intention of maintaining its comprehensive neutrality in the event of a neighbouring country suffering an attack."

MR. WELLES ALSO INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES TOOK ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE YUGOSLAVIA TO RESIST THE AXIS DEMANDS. — Reuter.

### THEFT FROM A.R.P. TUNNEL

For stealing wood from No. 3 A.R.P. tunnel in Canton Road yesterday, Lo Hon, 24 stable boy employed at Whitfield Barracks, was fined \$10 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was arrested sawing the wood inside the kitchen in the Barracks.

### S. D. COOLIE PROSECUTED

Six eating-stall owners were each fined \$10 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara to-day for breach of the Anti-Cholera Regulations in failing to wash bowls, chopsticks and dishes with boiling water before and after serving customers in the Yaumatei district.

## NO WISHFUL THINKING

"Public opinion in Yugoslavia is in the throes of excitement but it cannot be expected that this is of a nature likely to change the course of events," said the Ankara Radio last night commenting on Yugoslav signature of the Axis Pact.

The commentator continued: "Yugoslavs were morally unprepared for a day like that now confronting them."

"By adherence to the Pact, they admitted in advance the acceptance of the reorganisation of the Europe of to-morrow and of Yugoslavia in accordance with Axis ideas."

"Yet despite everything, the signing of the Pact can hardly be considered as making for stability for the German viewpoint." — Reuter.

## HUGE BELGRADE HEADLINES

Huge headlines in special editions of the Belgrade newspapers announced Yugoslavia's adhesion to the Axis Pact yesterday afternoon.

The text of the German and Italian Notes promising to respect Yugoslavia's sovereignty and territorial integrity were prominently printed.

Commending the measure as "a chance to continue and strengthen in peace Yugoslavia's policy of loyal collaboration with all her neighbours," the newspaper "Politika" expects unfavourable reactions in the country by saying the action is so exceptionally important, both nationally and internationally, that "one can reasonably expect that the inevitable repercussions which will soon show themselves will bring general satisfaction in the favourable effects of the Pact." — Reuter.

## BACK SCRATCH

TELEGRAMS OF MUTUAL CONGRATULATION AND GOOD WISHES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN HITLER AND PRINCE REGENT PAUL ON THE OCCASION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ADHESION TO THE AXIS PACT.

Prince Paul expressed his "sincere wishes for the success of the great German people," while Hitler in reply sent his "sincere wishes for the future of the Yugoslav people and its Royal House." — Reuter.

### ANTI-CHOLERA RULES

A Sanitary Department coolie Fung Kai, 34 was remanded by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when charged with accepting a 50-cent bribe in Hungnam yesterday.



# Genesis Of Establishment Of General Agent

## MR. KOBZA'S EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY

MR. E. A. VON KOBZA-NAGY gave evidence this morning at the Supreme Court, at the resumed sitting of the Commission investigating the Immigration Office.

Mr. Kobza was represented by Mr. P. Winter-Blyth, who said that had he been present at the first hearing he would have questioned Mr. Pudney.

The Chairman (Sir Atholl MacGregor): An opportunity will be given to you later.

Answering questions by his solicitor, Mr. Kobza detailed the circumstances of his connection with the Immigration Office, beginning with an interview with Mr. Forrest and Mr. J. H. B. Lee at the Post Office at which Mr. Forrest was seeking to discover the lowest fair price for two passport photographs.

He told Mr. Forrest that they could be produced, if in quantity, at 50 cents for two.

He agreed to undertake to produce photos at that figure and also to set up a studio at Marina House.

### Studios in N. T.

Later, he was informed by Mr. Lee that the plan had received Government's approval, and he started work on November 18. Subsequently, he received letters from Mr. Forrest asking him to set up studios in the depots at Kennedy Town and Wanchai and afterwards at Tai-po, Un Long, Shataukok, Lokma-chau and Sheungshui, and also to establish mobile studios in the New Territories.

When he started he charged only 40 cents for two photos because he found he could purchase materials cheaper than he thought, and passed the benefit on to the public. The materials he bought were of British manufacture.

At first he produced about 4,000 photos daily, but in December the business came to a sudden stop. The reason was found to be the activities of touts and brokers sent by certain agents to approach clients in the streets.

He actually saw persons on their way to the studio in Marina House being approached by touts who pulled them away and gave them cards on which was inscribed the statement that if they patronised a certain agent they would be able to get their documents earlier.

### Asked For Protection

He called on Mr. Forrest, who disclosed that some of these agents had not been recognised by the Immigration Office. As this racketeering continued, he again saw Mr. Forrest asking for some protection since, in meeting Mr. Forrest's proposals, he had invested everything in the business. He told Mr. Forrest he could no longer carry on. He was losing money.

Mr. Forrest then said the situation could be improved if Mr. Kobza would also act as an Agent filling in forms for applicants, and this he decided to do.

At that time, Mr. Forrest told him he had discovered that some of his employees were interested in the agencies, and added that he was opposed to a monopoly. Later, Mr. Forrest changed his mind and said he was about to propose a scheme to Government for a monopoly. He (witness) was invited to write any suggestions he might care to make and did so. Later, he was told Government had rejected the proposal.

### Minimum Rate

In a further interview, Mr. Forrest asked for his help in com-

bating the racketeering and asked him if he could do the work of filling in forms and issuing photographs at a minimum rate. He told Mr. Forrest he saw no reason why a charge of not more than \$1 should be made to cover clerical work and the supply of photographs. He immediately started to operate on that basis.

At the beginning of January, Mr. Forrest indicated that he wanted to decentralise the work through the agencies and asked witness whether he would be prepared to act as the go-between between the agencies and the Immigration Office.

A written agreement was mooted and after further discussions, he was told that the new scheme should operate from January 21. Mr. Forrest sketched out a rough form of agreement and witness took it to his solicitors. This agreement was signed on January 22.

An endorsement was added at Mr. Forrest's request on January 30.

### Bank Account

The agreement provided that he keep a separate account at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and he intended that the account should be styled "General Agent, Immigration Office."

It was actually opened in this name, said Mr. Kobza, but the bank telephoned him and informed him that the account would be known as Kobza Art Studio No. 2 Account.

He verbally informed the Immigration Officer of the bank's message and Mr. Forrest was quite satisfied.

The cheque referred to in the evidence given by Mr. Pudney was drawn on that special account.

### Visit To Mr. Pudney

Continuing Mr. Kobza said he went to see Mr. Pudney and asked him to visit his office and to tell him if he was doing anything wrong. Later he again went to see Mr. Pudney and told him that he (Mr. Kobza) had come to see him not as the Accountant-General but as Mr. Pudney to ask him what was wrong with his agency.

Mr. Pudney said he thought that the money he was handling should not be paid into his account.

He did not remember the question of Government shroffs then, but he brought the matter up with Mr. Forrest, who told him it was quite impossible, as he could not get any himself.

By government shroffs he did not mean shroffs employed by Government, but shroffs secured by Government.

In reply to Mr. Wynter-Blyth, witness said he received money before a permit was issued. That money was paid into No. 2 account, which was objected to by Mr. Pudney.

When he received the money, he could have paid Government in cash but he was told it was not Government money yet. He did not consider he was handling Government money, until he had received the permits.

### Government Work

He had been employed by Government before, was for 11 years in charge of Government Art

Treasures and quite often had valuable Government property in his possession.

Referring to the bank account, Mr. Kobza, in reply to the Chairman, said that the account was opened on February 12. He had suggested an auditor. He had called on Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Mr. Forsyth told him it was not possible for them to carry out the duties at present. He approached another gentleman (his name was written and given to the commission). He was not a qualified auditor, but he was an expert accountant. This gentleman was willing to help him.

He had told Mr. Forrest of this, but Mr. Forrest had not approved in writing.

### Cheque Signature

Referring to the clause requiring cheques to be counter-signed by an auditor, and that the specimen signature card contained that of his secretary, the chairman said that this was a variation and a departure from the clause.

Mr. Kobza said that he did not do anything without consulting Mr. Forrest.

After Linstead and Davis had refused to do the auditing Mr. Kobza told Mr. Forrest that he would get another.

Mr. Kobza was asked what he meant by not approaching another firm of auditors and if, by the specimen signature of the secretary, he had abandoned getting an auditor. He said that he had obtained an expert accountant, but agreed that he was not an auditor. There had been no audit of his account.

On the question of security, Mr. Kobza said he would not now like to approach anybody.

At this stage, Mr. Wynter Blyth said he had intended that some of the previous answers to be brought out in the evidence of a clerk, and he was allowed to put further questions to witness.

### Measure Of Control

In reply, Mr. Kobza said that the agreement provided for a measure of control of other agencies, and explained the procedure. He received applications from them, forwarded them to the Immigration Office and handed the permits out. He did not receive any payment for this. This work cost him about \$500 a month. He provided the same service to travel agencies, shipping offices, solicitors, associations and Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce.

He said the agreement had been carried out and that the expenses he incurred monthly were \$1,000 rent, \$3,000 salaries, \$600 for material and \$400 for sundries. The margin of profit was about \$500 to \$600, if he did well.

The idea of a banking clause was Mr. Forrest's but the auditor clause was his.

Asked whose idea it was that the auditor clause was not strictly carried out, witness replied, "Nobody in particular." He found it could not be carried out immediately.

Had auditors been appointed, the audit would have been done when Mr. Forrest desired. It was agreed that audit was to be every two or three months.

In reply to the Chairman, witness said that an accountant was working at his place studying the accounts. He was not an auditor, but even an auditor had to learn the system first.

### Temporary Permits

Mr. H. K. Woo: "Were you required to carry out any duties other than those in the Agreement?" Mr. Kobza: "Any orders that the Immigration Officer might give."

"What were these orders?" — "I cannot remember them all." "Were you authorised to issue Temporary Permits to those desirous of entering the Colony?" — "Yes, I was authorised in writing."

"Were you authorised, on behalf of Depositors, to apply for Refunds?" — "Yes."

"According to a notice posted up at the Immigration Office you were able to do the work quickly?" — "Yes."

Mr. Kobza said it took his office an average of one to two

days to do the work for their clients, and added that an applicant applying for a Deposit refund had to attend personally at his office.

Questioned by Mr. Woo, Mr. Kobza said the scheme of issuing Temporary Permits came into force at the same time as Deposit Receipts.

Mr. Woo: "Can you point out anything in the Ordinance regarding Temporary Permits?" — "I have not seen the Ordinance."

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Kobza stated that he had been acquainted with Mr. Forrest for nine or 10 years and during the past year they had become "definitely friends."

### Not Easy

The suggestion for the Agreement, said Mr. Kobza, came from Mr. Forrest. He saw the draft but did not accept it in its entirety. Mr. Forrest was not easy to bargain with.

The General Agent's Secretary was approved by Mr. Forrest, who stated that she was a person that could be trusted and enforce proper supervision.

Mr. Forrest: "Did you at any time give me to think that the terms of the Agreement had already been complied with?" — "Yes."

"Did I at any time dispense fully and finally of the auditor and accountant?" — "No."

"Owing to pressure of work on your part and mine, the question of appointing an auditor was postponed?" — "Yes, the present inquiry also postponed it."

Miss Lam, in a statement before the Commission, stated that she came to know Mr. Forrest in the Spring of 1937 and they became gradually good friends.

She was confined to hospital for 18 months and during that period she was visited by Mr. Forrest. Mr. Forrest was in-

## ATTACK ON GERMAN SHIPPING

An enemy vessel was sunk in an attack on shipping off the Dutch coast by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday afternoon. The Air Ministry communique records that one aircraft is missing from this operation.—Reuter.

variably accompanied by Mrs. Rainer. When the Immigration Office was opened she applied for permission to act as an agent and this was granted by Mr. Forrest. At no time did she receive any favours from Mr. Forrest. The inquiry was resumed this afternoon when evidence was given by Mrs. Rainer in camera.

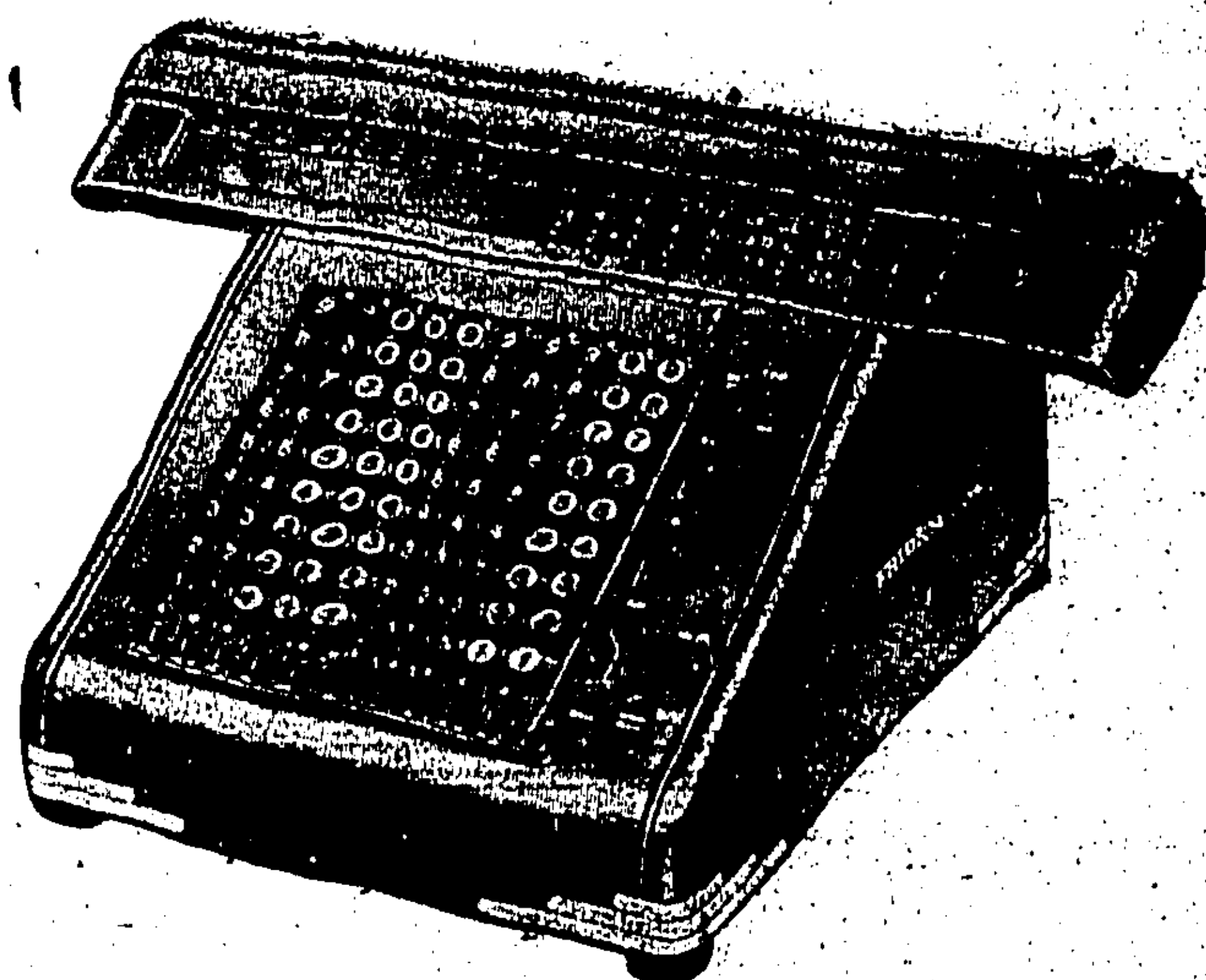
## BISHOP'S HOUSE ARREST

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on Ng Kwantak, 24, this morning, for loitering at the entrance of the Bishop's House last night.

A Chinese detective was specially posted to watch the premises, because several burglaries had recently occurred. At about 11 p.m. defendant was seen walking to and fro near the entrance of the house.

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**TO-MORROW: "INVISIBLE STRIPES"**

# ITALIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Two Italian attacks were repulsed in the central sector of the Albanian Front on Monday it was announced on the Athens Radio last night.

One attack was made at dawn in the district round the Apos and Apos Rivers and was defeated after sharp fighting.

The second attack was launched in the morning after a long artillery preparation and was also smashed despite desperate attacks in waves by the Italians whose losses, particularly in killed, were very heavy while a considerable number of prisoners was taken.—Reuter.

# EMPIRE SHIPPING DRIVE

Effective measures to extend shipbuilding and repair facilities throughout the Empire were mentioned by the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in a written reply to a parliamentary question yesterday.

During the last six months the number of warships building in the Dominions, India and colonies more than doubled, and orders for a substantial number of merchant vessels placed.

Warship repair facilities also now exist and are being increasingly employed and constantly extended at almost all main sea-ports in the Dominions, India and colonies.—Reuter.

# BRITAIN'S NAVAL POWER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The Stockholm "Morgenposten" says that in building warships the British have always held to the principle that "what is simple is right."

They have abstained from certain advantages by not making machinery and technical details too complicated.

It is therefore nearly unthinkable that the British sailor makes mistakes during a battle. He is specially well trained, knows precisely how his machine works and can to the last do the job assigned him.

Even after severe damage warships can keep afloat. It will take much more to overstrain the British fleets and complements.—International News Service.

# JUNK CAPSIZES: EIGHT DROWNED

In a report to the Police yesterday, Pang Ngan, tiki of Junk No. 4340W, revealed that while the boat was sailing near Waglan at about midnight on Monday, a gust of wind capsized the craft, throwing the 12 people on board into the water.

A passing junk later picked up Pang and three others, the rest of the crew, including a woman, being presumed drowned. The survivors were brought to Hong Kong yesterday.

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# FRENCH SUPPLIES TO NAZIS THROUGH MARSEILLES

CONFIRMATION THAT a proportion of imports — which include considerable quantities of foodstuffs — into unoccupied France from French North Africa undoubtedly passes to the Germans, was given by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, at question time in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Dalton had previously been interrogated about Government's policy regarding foodstuffs to France, and repeated the well-known British standpoint.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib. Wolverhampton) asserted that 200,000 tons of goods had entered Marseilles in three recent weeks and a greater part thereof went to Germany.

Mr. Dalton stated the newspapers "La Semaphore" had stated that 298,000 tons of cargo arrived in Marseilles from all destinations during that period.

Another question was asked whether the Vichy Government's attention had been drawn to the fact that food from French colonies is going to Germany instead of relieving the situation in France.

## "Certain Proportion"

Mr. Dalton merely replied: "We have information that a certain

proportion of these imports reaches the enemy. Flour in two ships now en route is intended only for unoccupied France and its distribution there will be under effective American control."—Reuter.

## SYRIAN UNREST

The situation in Syria remains serious, it is reported from Istanbul by Moscow Radio. Sentences of from three to five years' imprisonment have been passed upon demonstrators in Damascus. —Reuter.

## MATSUOKA TO VISIT VATICAN?

Mr. Matsuoka is to be received by the Pope during the Japanese Foreign Minister's visit to Rome. The German Radio making this announcement claims that it has been confirmed by the Vatican. —Reuter.

## BATAVIA CONFERENCE WITH JAPAN

MR. J. H. RITMAN, SPOKESMAN FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GOVERNMENT, EMPHATICALLY DENIED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY RUMOURS THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BE MADE TO THE N.E.I. BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. VAN KLEFFENS, MEANT THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON WAS PLANNING TO REMOVE TO THE EAST INDIES STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

The spokesman disclosed he would go to Manila to meet Dr. van Kleffens, who was expected to arrive on Saturday.

Questioned regarding the effect the visit would have on the present Japanese-East Indies conversations, Mr. Ritman declared it was "a lucky coincidence that both the Japanese and Dutch have eminent statesmen in Batavia." —Reuter.

## NAVAL SWEEP IN MEDITERRANEAN

A British Naval communique issued from Alexandria yesterday stated: "The Mediterranean Fleet has been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period from March 21 to March 24 covering various convoy movements."

"During these operations one enemy reconnaissance aircraft was shot down and at least another damaged. No enemy surface forces were encountered." —Reuter.

## MOSCOW QUIET

The Moscow Radio reported the signing of the Pact briefly and without comment, and afterwards referred for the first time to the Belgrade Government crisis preceding the journey of the Ministers to Vienna. —Reuter.

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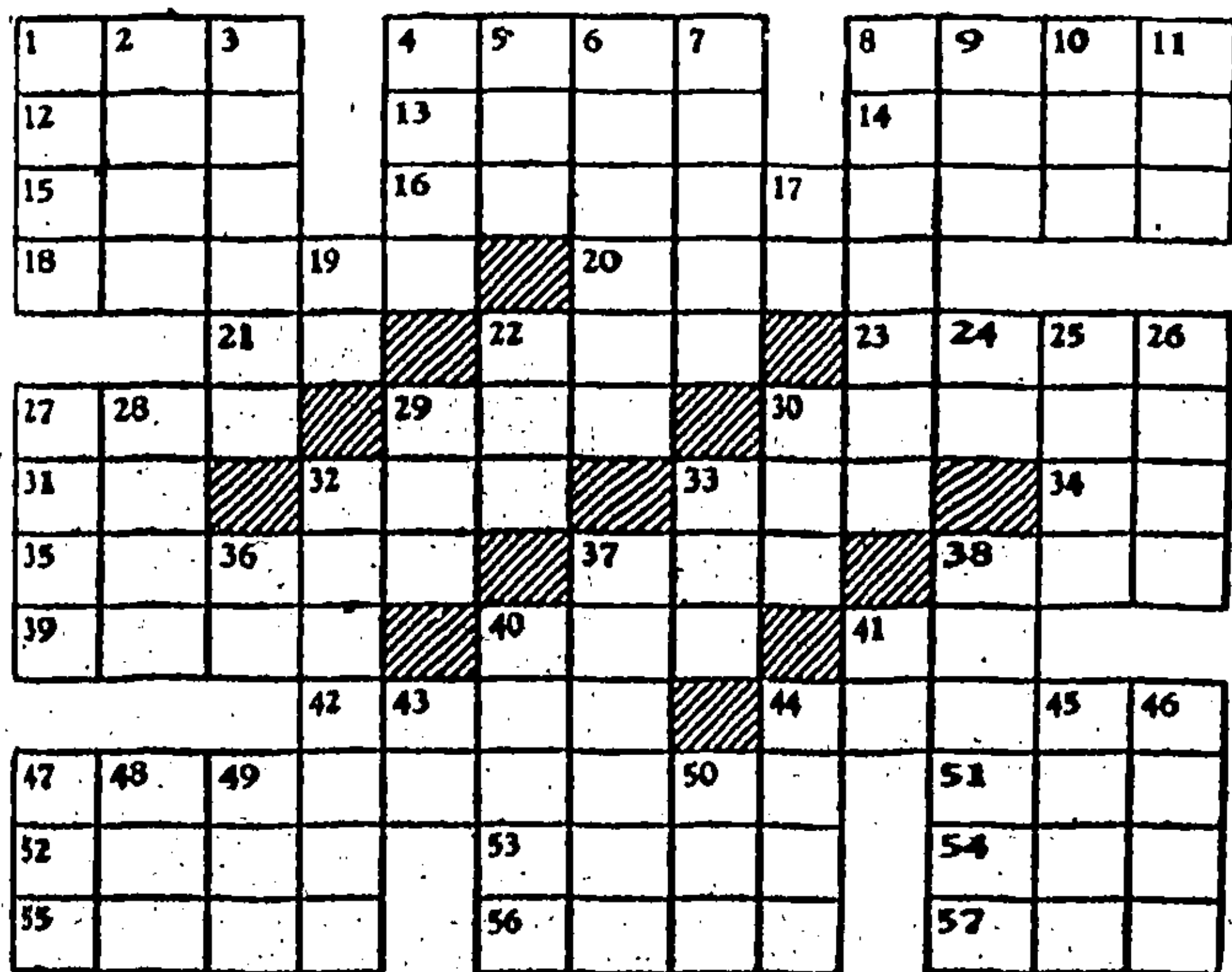
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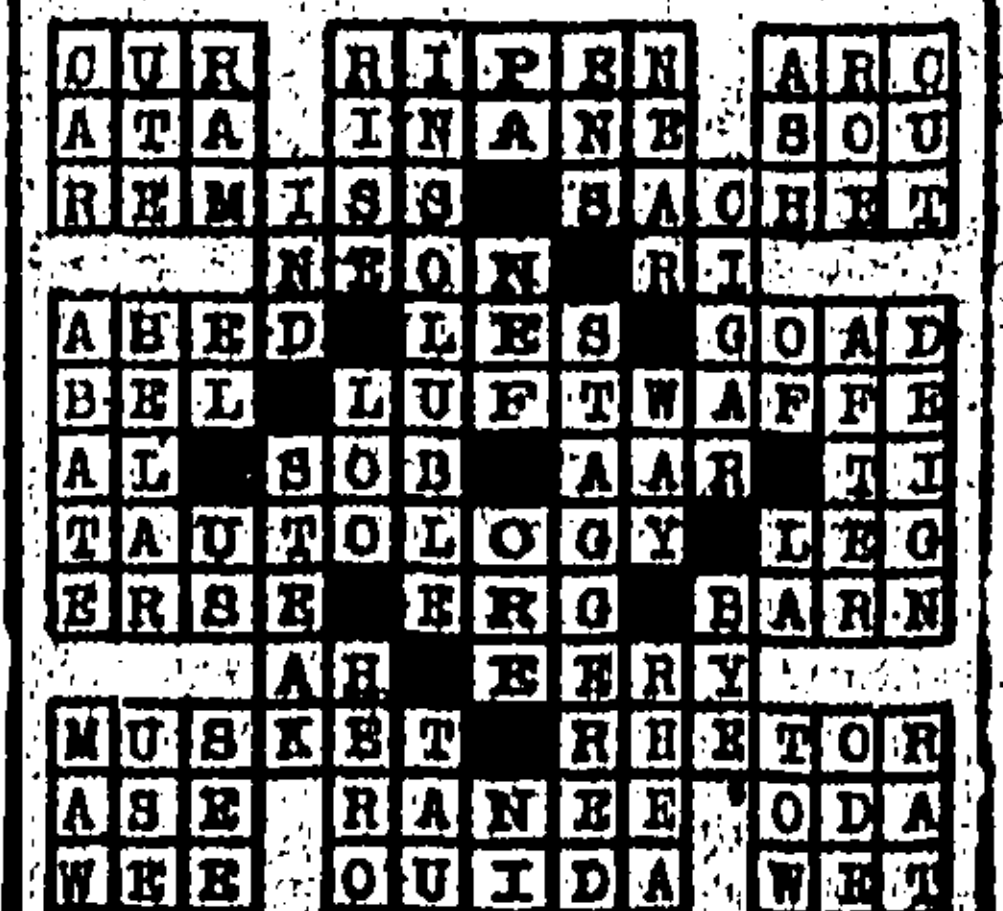
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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





# ADVANCE ON HARRAR

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### GREEKS CELEBRATE

The Greeks yesterday in every village and town and at every point of the battlefield celebrated the 121st anniversary of national independence in an atmosphere of exaltation worthy of the poet Byron's wonder.

WHILE YUGOSLAVIA, FOR WHOM IN 1914 GREECE WAIVED HER NEUTRALITY, WAS

TRADING HER INDEPENDENCE TO HITLER AT VIENNA, GREAT PATRIOTIC CROWDS LINED THE STREETS OF ATHENS TO WATCH THE PREMIER, DR. KORIZIS, LAY A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

In brilliant sunshine in the morning the King, accompanied by his sister, Princess Catherine in nurse's uniform, drove through beflagged streets to the Cathedral, from where a thanksgiving service was broadcast to barracks and hospitals.—Reuter.

### Keren Bombed All Day

The R.A.F. bombed enemy troop positions at Keren on Sunday from dawn to dusk, dropping over ten tons.

That night heavy British bombers swept over Tripolitania to attack shipping and the aerodrome at Tamei.

Damage is believed to have been considerable although cloud made it impossible to see details.

Slight damage was done by enemy aircraft which raided Malta on Monday, records an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.—Reuter.

### Thrusting Through The Marda Pass

THE BRITISH AND Imperial forces thrusting westwards from Jijiga in Abyssinia through the newly-conquered Marda Pass have reached points within 20 miles of the important town of Harrar.

Operations in this area are stated to be proceeding extremely well.

The capture of Harrar, which is without strong fortifications, would seriously threaten the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway and the town of Dire-dawa, on that railway, some 30 miles north-west of Harrar.

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## DRAMATIC STORY OF CAPTURE OF JIRABUB

CAPTURE OF JIRABUB, last Italian stronghold in Libya, after one of the fiercest hand to hand battles ever fought in the heart of the desert, is described by the Air Ministry news service.

The fortress is the holy burial place of the ancient Senussi, one-time leaders of the Libyan tribes, and it fell after only nine hours of fighting. It was taken by an Australian unit supported by R.A.F. aircraft, British artillery and armoured cars.

Principal offensive came from the south after an intense artillery barrage at dawn on March 21.

Jirabub is divided into three sectors, with the town in the centre. A fort to the north overlooks a vast plain to the south where there is a series of rocky knolls. These constituted the principal defences and bristled with guns of all calibres. In one warren-like stronghold alone were no fewer than 50 Breda and many small mountain cannon.

The Italians had spared neither time nor labour to make these crags impregnable and the whole area was tunnelled and warrened with shelters.

#### Underground Arsenal

Thousands of rounds of small arms ammunition and field gun shells were secreted in a large underground arsenal.

Between these two fortified positions stands a walled native village dominated by a Senussi mosque.

A young Australian subaltern, with a platoon of picked men, carried out the first attack to the south. He led his men through a gap in the wire under withering enemy fire.

They were fighting in a sandstorm which, while offering some protection, jammed their rifles and blinded them as they crawled towards the Italian machine-gun nests. Periods of close action followed when bayonets and hand grenades only were used.

#### Hand To Hand

By 10 o'clock the entire Australian infantry forces were engaged in hand to hand struggles. At the height of the battle a daring R.A.F. pilot, flying a Lyndander aircraft, dived to 100

feet to drop light bombs on a stubborn Italian machine-gun post.

Later the same pilot, although the target for a rain of bullets, dropped a message over a group of Australians advising them that a dozen of their men had become isolated and were hard pressed. The men had signalled to the pilot by flashing a small hand mirror in the sun.

Enemy guns bombarding them were silenced by Australian anti-tank guns turned in their direction at the position indicated by the aircraft.

Ten gaps were made in the outer wire in the southern sector.

#### 800 Prisoners

What at first appeared an insurmountable obstacle was conquered after a few hours battle by courageous fighting, and at 2.30 p.m. the white flag was hoisted.

Over 800 prisoners were taken—more than the number of Australians who finally captured the stronghold.

During the entire action no support was given the besieged by either Italian or German aircraft.

Twelve hours after the fall of the town five Heinkels flew over the area and dropped a number of bombs harmlessly in the desert.

Despite the intensity of the barrage neither the sacred mosque of the Senussi nor the native village suffered a scratch.—British Wireless.

#### A CORRECTION

A misprint in our report of the case against Sergeant Guild on Monday credited the assistant manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel with saying that the defendant signed cheques to an amount of \$31. The actual figure stated was \$11.

General Dessimoni is believed to have a garrison of between 12,000 and 15,000 men at Harrar and Dire-dawa.

In Southern Abyssinia the threat to Addis Ababa is growing daily as the Imperial Forces continue to advance northward from Neghelli along the Italian-built highway to the capital.

Northwest of Addis Ababa, Abyssinian patriots are containing some 18,000 Italian and native troops at Debra Marcos.

Meanwhile, in Eritrea, fighting is going on with unabated fury in the hills around the Italian stronghold of Keren.

#### Heavy Casualties

British forces are now approaching Harrar, the second largest town in Abyssinia, following an action at the Marda Pass.

In southern Abyssinia, operations to the north-west of Neghelli continue successfully.

Heavy casualties were again inflicted on the Italian forces when British troops repulsed yet another counter-attack to the south-west of Keren.

There is nothing of importance to report from Libya.

South African bombers continued their attacks on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway.—Reuter.

## GREEK COURAGE

The following message from Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, was read at a Queen's Hall (London) meeting organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League in connection with Greek Independence Day:

"I send from Cairo to the Anglo-Hellenic League in London a message of greeting on the occasion of Independence Day.

I can bear witness to the indomitable courage of the Greek people and to their determination to preserve their independence at all costs. We are proud to serve beside such allies and we pledge ourselves to continue the struggle with them until final victory is won."

The Greek Minister, speaking at the same meeting emphasised Anglo-Greek ties of friendship and common aspirations and said: "We Greeks, unlike perhaps other people, do not consider gratitude as a heavy and unpleasant burden that reminds one only of the obligation of a debt instead of the benefit derived."

On the contrary, we cultivate the memory of benefit and we hand it on from one generation to another so that we may keep that memory living and strong to remind us of our duty to prove ourselves worthy of it." — British Wireless.



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## COL. LINDBERGH

Colonel Lindbergh has been at it again, and much more disturbingly on this occasion for the Lease and Lend Bill has been passed and the purpose of his further intervention can only be to attempt to sabotage the bid for national unity and national effort.

Astoundingly, if Colonel Lindbergh is at all sincere, he refuses to draw any moral distinction between regimes which invoke a reign of violence and those which seek ways of peace and freedom. Does right or wrong make no difference to the erstwhile hero of the air as long as he thinks himself secure?

The Lindbergh case seems to deal solely with material factors in its summing up of the supposed prospects in Europe. There are moral factors, so-called imponderables, which enter heavily into the equation. If suffering and destitution are involved in a prolonged British drive, what of a Nazi victory under the sugar-coating of a "negotiated peace?" In the occupied countries it could be only a smouldering truce, a period of slave-labour efforts at production, and ultimate discovery that military domination cannot feed people.

Throughout the occupied area forces are ready to spring into being to throw off the yoke. Britain doubtless must launch some kind of an offensive, but will not have to sustain it alone. By contrast, any system which has to rely on an appeal to lawlessness and a glorification of brute force has within it the seeds of its own destruction.

No, it is not simply that Britain must win. Something very much bigger than Britain or America must win the tremendous struggle now going on. There must be a victory won, in the interests of all the world, for the idea of freedom under law, of security from aggression, of adjustment by peaceful means.

There was a time when every attempt at flying had failed. There was then no indication that the limitation that kept humans on the ground would ever be overcome. Colonel Lindbergh sees "no indication that war is a thing of the past." Yet the organisation of justice in nations has made the medieval feudal wars a thing of the past.



BRAVE LITTLE ADOLF!

# Labour Vitality

By  
**Harold Laski**

A number of American correspondents have written to me recently asking for an assessment of Labour's influence in the Churchill government. That is not an easy matter to undertake. For, in the first place, much of that influence is necessarily screened from the public view; and, in the second, not a little of the essential work Labour Ministers have accomplished—and this is particularly true of Mr. Attlee—reveals itself in the decisions of Departments not directly under Labour control.

Certain general things may be said at once. The Labour Ministers have a full share in all the central decisions of the War Cabinet. They have responsibility, therefore, for the achievements, not less than for the blunders. If Dakar was not a Labour plan, Mr. Attlee and his colleagues accepted that woeful experiment; if Mr. Amery's plans for India left the issue where it stood, before the Labour Ministers bear their part in what I think is Mr. Churchill's main error of judgment.

But it is not beyond the mark to attribute certain special emphasis to their urgency. To them, above all, are due the great improvements in agricultural wages, old age pensions, the treatment of the unemployed, compensation for war injuries, the increases in pay to the armed forces and their dependents. Without Mr. Bevin's powerful aid, it is, I think, certain that industrial relations would have been far less smooth than they have been; and it is above all because the workers have such confidence in their representatives that the phenomenal increases in war output have taken place. It is an open secret that the administration of the very difficult problems connected with interned aliens has greatly improved since Mr. Herbert Morrison became Home Secretary, and he, and his vivid Assistant Secretary, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, have begun, at least, to tackle the shelter problem (they have not yet solved it) with energy and imagination. These next weeks will bring forth an official statement from the British government on its war aims of the first importance; and it is again an open secret that Labour Ministers, and especially Mr. Attlee, have had a

If no one had tried to fly, or if no one had tried to establish a reign of law—well, what?

vital share in securing its publication and in determining its character.

Of the separate Ministers, Mr. Attlee appears least in the public view and is quite definitely the most influential. Shy, undramatic, without a trace of egotism, he prefers to work behind the scenes. He is slow to make up his mind, but, once he has made it up, he has a persistence that carries great weight. His fault is an undue diffidence which tends to make him silent where speech is called for. But anyone who has seen him as constantly and continuously in action as I have will yield no primacy to any Minister but Mr. Churchill himself for the value of the counsel he has brought to the war effort. It is characteristic of him that neither bad news can perturb him nor good give him undue confidence. He has the respect of all, and the more respect, the more intimately he is known.

Mr. Bevin was the outstanding figure in the trade union world when he became Minister of Labour. He has done some admirable work there. Above all, he has given the trade unions the status that was their due in the councils of the government, and he has seen to it with the knowledge born of long experience that the standards of labour are not relaxed at any point where danger to the workers' health is involved. He has initiated half a dozen experiments of importance. His public utterances have given him perhaps the widest audience of any Minister except Mr. Churchill; and it is already clear that when the lines of reconstruction begin to be laid, Mr. Bevin will count as vitally as anyone on the Labour side.

Mr. Morrison, after a brief period at the Ministry of Supply, where he did a Herculean job of reorganisation, has now found, I think, the task to which he is ideally suited both by temperament and experience. Mr. Morrison touches nothing that he does not make clearly his own handiwork. He is clear-headed, incisive, and works with an energy that is remarkable. If he has a fault it is that often excessive tenderness for his own officials, a

generous fault, but one the magnitude of the present issues makes a dangerous one. Perhaps, too, his own special zest for London makes him too tender of vested interests in local government which need to be handled far more roughly. But my own feeling is clear that he is on top of his work, and that, as Minister, he is one of the half dozen supreme administrators this country has produced since Lord Haldane.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, as Minister of Economic Warfare, has a post the implications of which are now far more narrow than when he undertook it before the German conquest of France and the Low Countries. It is not easy to judge his work since almost all of it is of a necessarily confidential character. It is significant, I think, that Mr. Dalton who, before the formation of the Churchill government, was the best-hated Labour member in the House of Commons, has a very different reputation among the Tories to-day. They know that, not less than Mr. Churchill himself, he is out to beat Hitler; and they know that he has the special kind of energy the character of his post demands. No Labour Minister had so difficult a past to live down among his critics. My own judgment is that they recognise in him a formidable master of the art he requires for his function.

The outstanding fact about the Labour Ministers is the fullness of their unity and collaboration with the Prime Minister. Partly, that is the depth of the common danger they have confronted; partly, it is the wisdom of Mr. Churchill in paying great attention to their views in those fields of which they have special knowledge. Critics ask in bewilderment how Socialists can agree so well with a Prime Minister who, all his life, has been their ardent opponent. There is a very simple answer to this view. Mr. Churchill's one aim is victory, and to it he is prepared to sacrifice all the preconceptions of his past career. The one thing he asks of any proposal is what it contributes to victory.

I have left to the last the position of Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty. Since Mr. Churchill is himself Minister of Defence, and the greatest First Lord of modern times, it is inevitable that Mr. Alexander should to some extent be overshadowed by his greater colleague. But the Navy has great confidence both in Mr. Alexander

## Hitler's Hidden Weakness

Mr. Cordell Hull, to back his belief in the coming victory of the British Empire, has declared that the German armies are spread very thin. It is indeed true. There are German armies in France, in Belgium, in Holland, in Norway, in Denmark, in Poland, in Hungary, in Rumania, in Italy. We do not know how many, but the total of these armies of occupation must be at least two million men.

The problem of victualling them is rendered easier by the fact that they batten on the conquered or intimidated territories. But they must be supplied with many things which they cannot obtain locally:

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transport equipment, military stores, petrol, special foodstuffs. This requires a tremendous organisation of transport and supply, itself a heavy drain on Germany's national manpower.

It is likely, moreover, that these occupying troops have to be frequently changed. The atmosphere of cold-shouldering or open hostility in which they move among the subjugated or subordinate peoples is intensely demoralising. Furthermore, they are in danger, in such circumstances, of hearing the truth about the war from the British radio or other non-Nazi sources. An expeditionary force in a fever-ridden tropical zone, where white men could not long keep their health and vigour, would not be more difficult to maintain than Hitler's garrisons in conquered countries.

Hitler's problems of lines of communication are wholly different from those of the British Empire. Our lines are like limbs—healthy, wieldable instruments of action, even if they are exposed to fracture. His are like the veins and arteries of a bloated and dropsical body. His empire is overgrown flesh rather than bone and muscle.

Yet we must not be deluded into underrating his strength. By summoning his forces to a particular point he can, for the time being, deploy an immense concentration of power. Those two million or more troops of occupation are but a fraction of his total armies. Their existence does not prevent him from gathering together an expeditionary force for an attack on Great Britain or Ireland or a march into yet unoccupied territory in Europe.

It is in the more distant future, when Hitler's great effort of 1941 has been repelled, and when the Empire's striking power is steadily growing, that they may prove a fatal weakness. It will be then that the resistance of the subjugated peoples will be at its most effective. Hitler may then be faced with the choice between withdrawing his forces from the scene of each national uprising and sending still more soldiers to hold it down. That would be a choice between conserving his strength at the expense of his prestige and conserving his prestige at the expense of his strength. It would be the beginning of the end.

The iron ring of British world power is slowly closing upon the Nazis. Inside is still another ring, immobile now but ready to crush the inner kernel of Hitlerism when the ripe moment comes. It is composed of the imprisoned peoples of Europe who will one day turn upon their gaolers. Then will the Nazis learn with sickening clarity that a prison-house can entomb its own creators.

der's judgment of persons, and in his grasp of the large aspects of strategy. He has filled a vital role with delicacy and vigour.

All-in-all, the position is not unsatisfactory. The great tests, of course, have still to come, when the problems of peace and reconstruction begin to loom. In the face of immense peril, Mr. Churchill has taught his colleagues to work with a single mind to victory. That, in itself, is a vital service to the future of civilisation.



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THE CURTAIN SHIELDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BRITISH ARMY, WHICH CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS, WAS LIFTED FURTHER YESTERDAY BY LORD CROFT, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Lord Croft had a special word for the Home Guard, "probably the least expensive fighting force in history," which frees the mobile army to strike wherever necessary, from Lofoten to Jijiga.

Without the Home Guard, military commanders could not have risked sending vital reinforcements in men and weapons to smash the Italian army in Africa in the nick of time.

Lord Croft then made a new disclosure regarding the African campaigns.

Despite the peril of invasion we parted with fine troops and first class equipment to meet the menace in Egypt and our vital communications with the East.

It was the longest distance ever covered by an army in history to reach a major theatre of war—an immense naval and military undertaking in submarine-infested oceans. To-day it was permissible to mention that we had placed in safe custody in our prison camps a far larger number of the enemy than all the forces at General Wavell's disposal in the sombre month of last June.

## Successive Onslaughts

Lord Croft described in graphic detail successive British onslaughts along the Libyan coast, delivered at incredible speed against a well-equipped and well-entrenched army with every modern weapon of defence, until the climax early in February when the Army of the Nile, 660 miles from its base, pinched out Benghazi and blocked the retreat of all the remaining enemy.

With a speed never equalled, with endurance surely remarkable, with perfection of timing, surprise, initiative and a crescendo of pace, the Army won a glorious succession of victories which heartens every free man and gives him faith in morale over numbers and in the superiority of British fighting men over our enemies.

Regarding events in the great series of offensives against the Italian East African Empire, Lord Croft emphasised the immense distances involved and said:

## A Vast Clock

"Imagine a vast clock of 4,300 miles in circumference, with the centre 200 miles south-east of Addis Ababa, with lightning blows from 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, and last week, 2 o'clock."

After a description of operations in Eritrea, culminating in the occupation of the strategically important town of Neghelli, Lord Croft said:

"It was worth a marquisate to Graziani and we congratulate ourselves on its capture." Further to the east a dramatic offensive was initiated by troops of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, the King's African Rifles and the Union of South Africa under General Cunningham, who was starting with high velocity from the Indian Ocean and seemed anxious to spend Easter with his famous brother, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

## Approaching Harrar

This column, having swept right through Italian Somaliland, was now 300 miles over the Abyssinian border and rapidly approaching Harrar and threatening the Djibouti railway.

Its advance of 770 miles from the Kenya frontier and 1,100 miles from railhead must surely be a world record of distance in such astonishing time.

With great rapidity and at almost no expense in casualties, forces of the Indian Army on one flank, and Somalis and Arabs on the other, recaptured the capital of British Somaliland after a surprise amphibious attack.

Whereas six weeks ago British and Italian Somaliland were all Italian, to-day this great area is all British.

## Only 604 Killed

Our casualties in all the African fighting were surprisingly small, totalling up to February 23, 2,966, of which happily only 604 were killed, whilst we inflicted over 200,000 casualties on the enemy, including the capture of 180,000 prisoners.

These campaigns had been truly Imperial, and troops of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, the African colonies and the Sudan, with British Guardsmen and Infantry.

Dutch, Welsh, many Irish and also fine divisions from India have, with the Royal Armoured Corps, the Royal Artillery and the Engineers, written great fresh chapters in British military history.

## Nightmare Of Italy

Egypt has been saved, the Suez Canal will not be Italian, another 600 miles of the shores of the "Italian lakes" have passed into British hands.

The Italian hold on Abyssinia is becoming increasingly precarious and Mussolini's dreams have become the nightmare of

## HIS "SAFE" SHELTER HIT

"You and baby can come home now. I have found a safe shelter," wrote a London husband to his young wife evacuated to the country.

She returned, and one Saturday night for the first time, he took them to his chosen refuge—the basement of a block of offices.

That night the building was bombed, and searchers abandoned hope for the people trapped, who included the mother and baby.

The shelter was described as "one of the best equipped in the borough." Nine people were rescued on the Sunday, but the majority, including sales managers of the firm and poor people from an adjacent block of tenements, were trapped under great chunks of concrete.

## Saved By His Thirst

One man employed by the firm had spent every night at the shelter since the heavy London raids began. On that Saturday night he went to visit his mother in the East End.

Another employee, who was on fire duty, said: "If my thirst had held out for half a minute longer, I would not be here now. I went down the road for a glass of beer, and as I entered the public house I heard the crash of the bombs on our building."

Some bodies were brought out from the ruins of the London subway hit in Saturday night's raid. Search is continuing amid the tons of masonry.

Nothing recognisable remains of the subway, apart from the general outline. Within the crater was a tangle of boulders, slabs of roadway weighing up to half a ton, and wrecked steelwork.

From above a hundred Royal Engineers, Pioneers and demolition workers in the crater looked as if they were pigmies.

## DIED AFTER SOMERSAULT

While she was doing somersaults on a mattress, a woman got a needle in her leg. Blood-poisoning followed and she died.

Frederick Scott, Malcolm stated at the inquest at Hammersmith that his wife, who was twenty-one, was a former hospital nurse.

Her favourite pastime was to do physical jerks in front of the fire.

## Head Over Heels

On the evening of January 2, at their home in Holland Road, Kensington, she got into her pyjamas and did "head over heels" on a mattress.

"I said to her, 'Can you do it backwards,'" said Mr. Malcolm, "and she did."

His wife then told him, "There is a needle on the floor," and gave a start. It was then that Mr. Malcolm thought that she drove the needle into her leg. He could feel it under the skin.

The needle was removed in hospital.

Accidental death was the verdict.

## Italy

The soldiers of the British Empire now stand braced, hardened, experienced and trained to meet the might of Germany. We are not afraid of the issue. (Cheers). —Reuter

# TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO.' Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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# GERMANY HAILS DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH

**FIRST SEMI-OFFICIAL German comment on Yugoslavia's entry into the Axis orbit is in the Foreign Office organ "Diplomatische Korrespondenz."**

It describes the latest extension of the pact as "a further step on the road to creating pan-European solidarity and a setback for the Anglo-Saxon world. Neither the presence of Mr. Eden in the Near East nor the propaganda value of the Lease and Lend Act could blur the sense of reality of the Yugoslav statesman."

In Rome, the "Giornale d'Italia," summing up the significance of the development, declares "it reinforces the European unity, for a nation of 16 million men possessing natural riches and a hard-working population has been added to the group gathering round the Axis powers."

The newspaper stresses the fact that the admission took place on the eve of Mr. Matsukata's arrival in Berlin.

## Japanese Comment

The Japanese press hails Yugoslavia's admission to the Axis Pact as "a decisive victory for the Axis powers."

The "Nichi-Nichi" writes: "It is a diplomatic victory for the Axis powers which will deal a serious blow to the Anglo-American camp and will accelerate the complete German mastery over the Balkans."

The "Yomiuri" says the enlarged pact will yield "brilliant results."

## Close Cooperation

Hope for increasingly closer political and economic cooperation between Italy and Yugoslavia was expressed by Rome radio yesterday, on the anniversary of the friendship pact between the two countries signed two years ago.

The announcer added that Belgrade's decision to become a "junior adherent to the tripartite pact ensured her a dominant position which she should and must have in the new order in Europe."—Reuter.

## NAZI SUPPLY THROUGH RUSSIA

QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER RUSSIAN IMPORTS THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK FOR RE-EXPORT TO GERMANY WERE NOW DIMINISHING, MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE, SAID SALES TO GERMANY OF GOODS IMPORTED BY THE SOVIETS ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT ARE VERY SMALL.

Direct transit trade to Germany by the trans-Siberian railway remains, however, substantial.

Moreover, there was constant danger that abnormal Soviet imports, though not themselves re-exported, may release for export to Germany corresponding quantities of Soviet products.—Reuter.

## GERMAN FORCE IN TRIPOLITANIA

The possibility is suggested in military circles in London that the German forces which have crossed the Mediterranean and arrived in Tripolitania are increasing slowly in strength.

Units of at least one armoured division are known to be operating, and German communiqués have mentioned patrol reports, indicating they have reconnoitred the eastern side of the desert, although there is nothing to suggest the locality except that it was in a wide region of the Gulf of Sirte.—British Wireless.

## HITLER'S TALK WITH YUGOSLAVS

An official communiqué was issued following Hitler's talk with the Yugoslav Ministers in Vienna yesterday.

It confined itself however to saying: "Conversation on questions of mutual interest was conducted in the spirit of the traditional friendly relations existing between Germany and Yugoslavia."—Reuter

## IN DARKEST MUNICH

NOT LONG AGO A HEAVY BOMBER WAS OVER MUNICH, TAKING PART IN A RAID WHICH THE GERMANS WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO COUNTER WITH ALL THE A.A. FIRE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. A MESSAGE CAME HOME FROM THE BOMBER TO ITS STATION WHILE THE RAID WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON. BUT THE OFFICER WHO RECEIVED IT COULD MAKE NOTHING OF IT.

He was familiar with most of the usual messages which our bombers send, and could read many of them at a glance, but this was something he had never seen before. He began to search without much hope among the more unlikely messages that might conceivably be sent in war time, and at last found the solution.

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# LORD LYTTON ON THE GANGSTER OF ASIA

IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR from the lips of President Roosevelt that China will be the recipient of all help the United States can give her in her heroic struggle against Japan, writes Lord Lytton in the "Manchester Guardian."

"If we had helped China more in 1932 we might never have seen the rise of Hitlerism in Germany or the spread of war first into Africa and then into Europe.

"Almost every action, every formula, which today we associated with the two gangsters of Europe, was, in fact, first used by Japan, the gangster of Asia.

"Waging war without previous declaration and calling it peace, profession of friendship to cover hostile preparations, engineering disturbances in a neighbouring state to provide an excuse for armed intervention under the guise of restoring order, disclaiming of territorial ambition whilst occupying the territory of another country, establishment of puppet governments and making serious alliances with them—Japan may

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The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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A. B. PURVES,

Water Authority.

Public Works Department,  
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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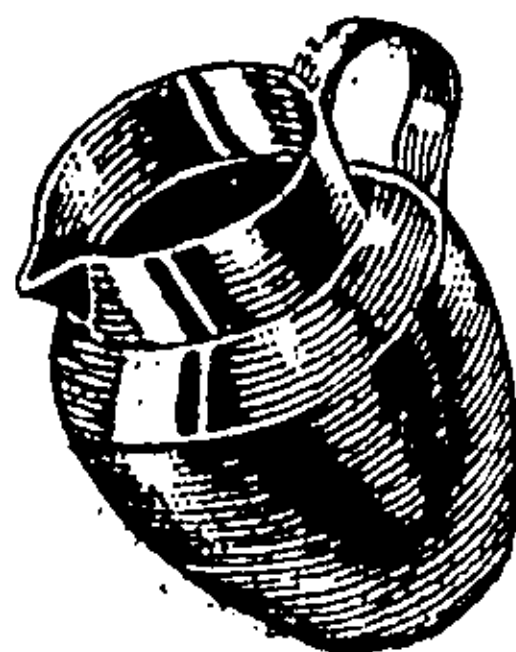
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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

## UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

### Notice to Shareholders

The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### TWO CHANCES MISSED

#### By The Four Aces

"We missed a game in this hand," writes a Chicago fan, "and we can't agree where we went wrong. Surely someone must have underbid, or is this one of those rare hands in which a makeable game is unbidable?"

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 9 5  
♥ A J  
♦ 9 7 6 2  
♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ 7 6  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ K J 8 3  
♣ K 10 6

♠ J 4  
♥ 6 3  
♦ A 10 5 4  
♣ A J 8 7 2

♠ A K 10 8 3 2  
♥ Q 10 9 5 2  
♦ Q  
♣ 6

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1NT   | Pass |
| 2♥    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| Pass  | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

"I was South and made eleven tricks because the King of hearts was held by West. But even if it had been held by East, there would still have been ten cold tricks. North says my distribution was good enough for one more try; and that he'd have gone to four spades if I'd gone to three. But North's bidding sounded so weak to me that I wasn't even sure we could make two spades, let alone four. Where did we go astray?"

We have to agree with South that North's bidding was too weak to encourage him to make a third bid. While a defeat at two spades seems a little remote, there is no assurance of being able to make three spades if North's weak bidding is really representative of his hand.

North had two chances to assist his partner reach the game. At his first opportunity, two spades would be a better choice than one no-trump. Such a bid does not promise any greater high-card strength, but it does promise a positive fit for spades rather than the more or less neutral fit which North actually indicated by his bidding. That promise of trump support, indicated by the immediate

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ate raise, would have enabled South to reach a game. But having bid only one no-trump, North should have gone to three spades over South's bid of two hearts. That would indicate maximum strength for the no-trump response and a good spade fit.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K 5 2  
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | You | Maier |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1♥     | Pass     | 1♠  | Pass  |
| 2♠     | Pass     | (?) | Pass  |

ANSWER: Pass. You have a pretty weak hand and your partner's bidding indicates not much more than a minimum opening bid. Game is extremely unlikely, and two spades is as good a spot as any at which to play the hand. Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

### Question No. 674

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3  
♥ 10 4  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

| Maier | Schenken | You | Jacoby |
|-------|----------|-----|--------|
| 1♥    | Pass     | 1♠  | Pass   |
| 2♠    | Pass     | (?) | Pass   |

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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Meyerbeer.  
Marche Aux Flambeaux... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Oh Paradise! (from 'L'Africain').  
Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra. Le Prophete—Coronation March. Torch Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major. State Opera Orchestra. Shadow Song from 'Dinorah'. Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. Scherzo—Les Patineurs. Louis Kentner (Piano).  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the Old Country. Talk by Robert Donat.  
7.30 p.m.—Half an hour with Irving Berlin.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
Raymond—Overture (Thomas). 'La Boheme'—Selection (Puccini). Dance of the Hours (from 'La Gioconda'—Ponchielli). Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke)... with Pipe Organ and Vocal Chorus.  
8.30 p.m.—'British Prose Writers' No. 4: Newman. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
8.50 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers. It Was A Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare & Morley). O Who Will O'er The Downs So Free? (de Pearsall). O Hush Thee, My Babe (Sir W. Scott & Sullivan).  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
9.30 p.m.—Humorous & Vocal Variety.  
10.14 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## TRAGEDY REVEALED

The dead body of an unidentified man aged about 30, was picked up in the sea near Pat O. Shataukok, by the Police yesterday. The body, which was in a decomposed state, bore a number of wounds.



## A Front Page Reminder To All Wise Parents.

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## EMERGENCY FOOD FOR BLITZEDTOWNS

The emergency food reserves organised for bombed towns under the Ministry of Food scheme is standing the strain well.

Lord Woolton made this clear in giving details of the scheme, which has been extended to include towns of 50,000 population or more. Stocks already placed at the disposal of local authorities and spread throughout the country include two million tins of soup with eight portions to a tin, 1,800 tons of biscuits, 2,500,000 cans of baked beans, 750 tons of tinned beef hash and meat roll and 750,000 cans of unsweetened condensed milk.

Lord Woolton has re-christened communal feeding centres. He said this rather cold phrase would be dispensed with and the generic name of British restaurants would be used.

He hoped each locality would also give its British restaurant a local name — "something bright and jolly." — British Wireless.

## COVENTRY'S NEW "CATHEDRAL"

Coventry Cathedral Council, meeting recently for the first time since November 14 last, placed on record an expression of "grief and horror at the destruction of the Cathedral" and expressed admiration of a gallant attempt at its defence made by the Provost and other voluntary helpers. The Church of St Michael, Coventry, has been consecrated and legally declared the Cathedral of Coventry diocese. Subject to qualifications the Council resolved that as soon as circumstances allow and as funds permit the Cathedral should be rebuilt on or near the site of the present ruins.—British Wireless.

## THE LUFTWAFFE LAYS OFF

A single aircraft cruising over the coastal areas in Britain provided practically the only enemy air activity during daylight hours yesterday. There was no night alert up to a late hour. — Reuter.

## TELEGRAMS IN STREET

The Post Office has opened a street telegram service in the City of London.

Telegraph messengers wearing appropriate armlets, will walk about within the vicinity of Regina House, Cheapside and Northgate House, Moorgate, ready to receive telegrams. They are prepared to give change.

Telegrams are now being received at Regina House and Northgate House and delivered by relays of messengers to all parts of the City.

The improvised telephone service at both these places has been successful and similar places will be opened.

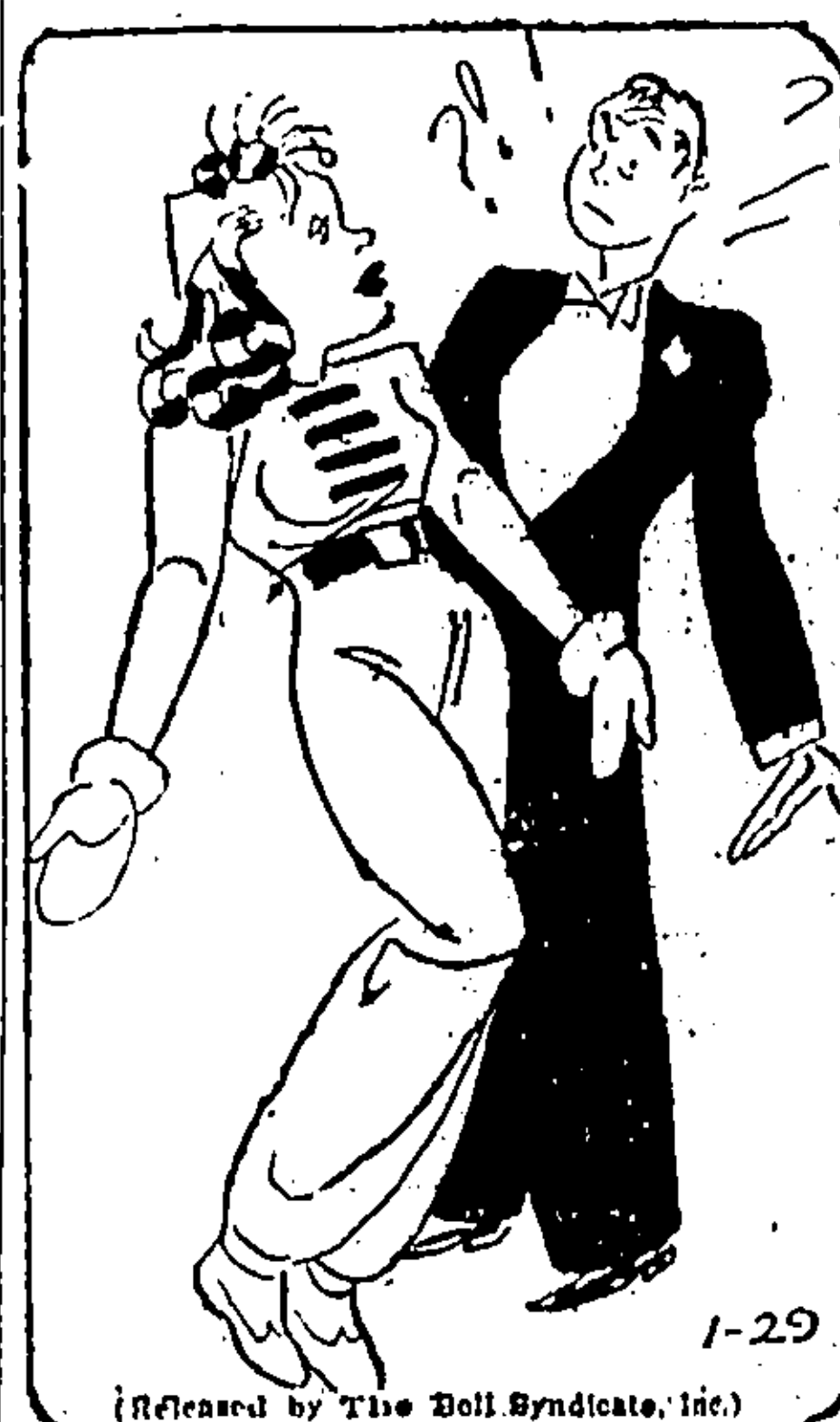
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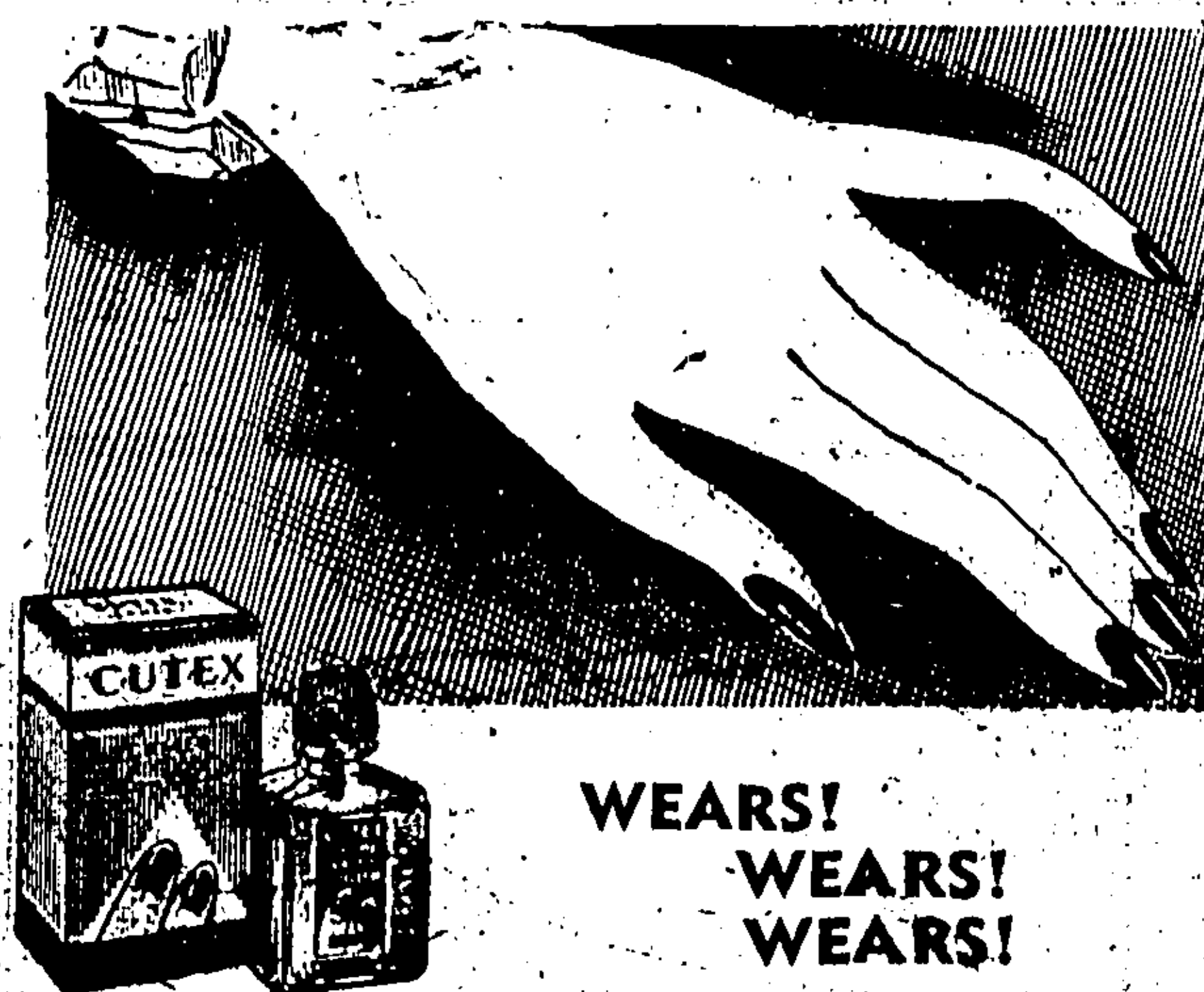
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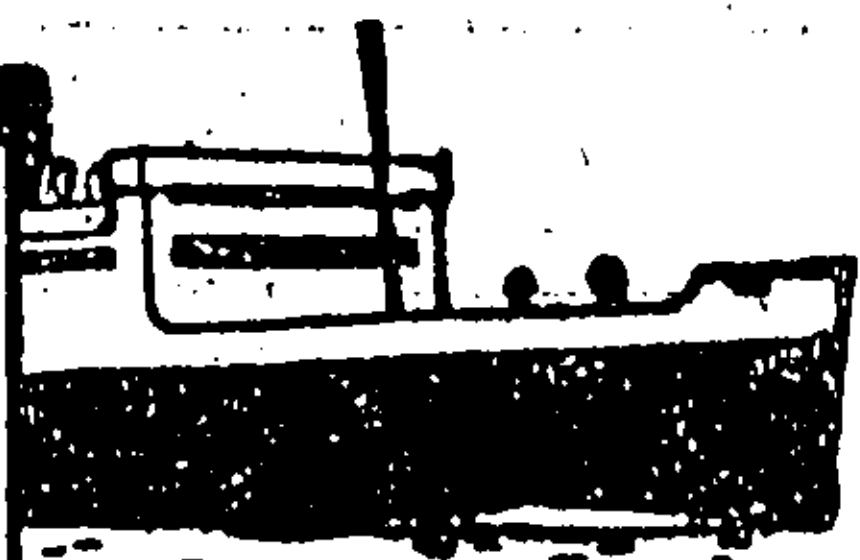
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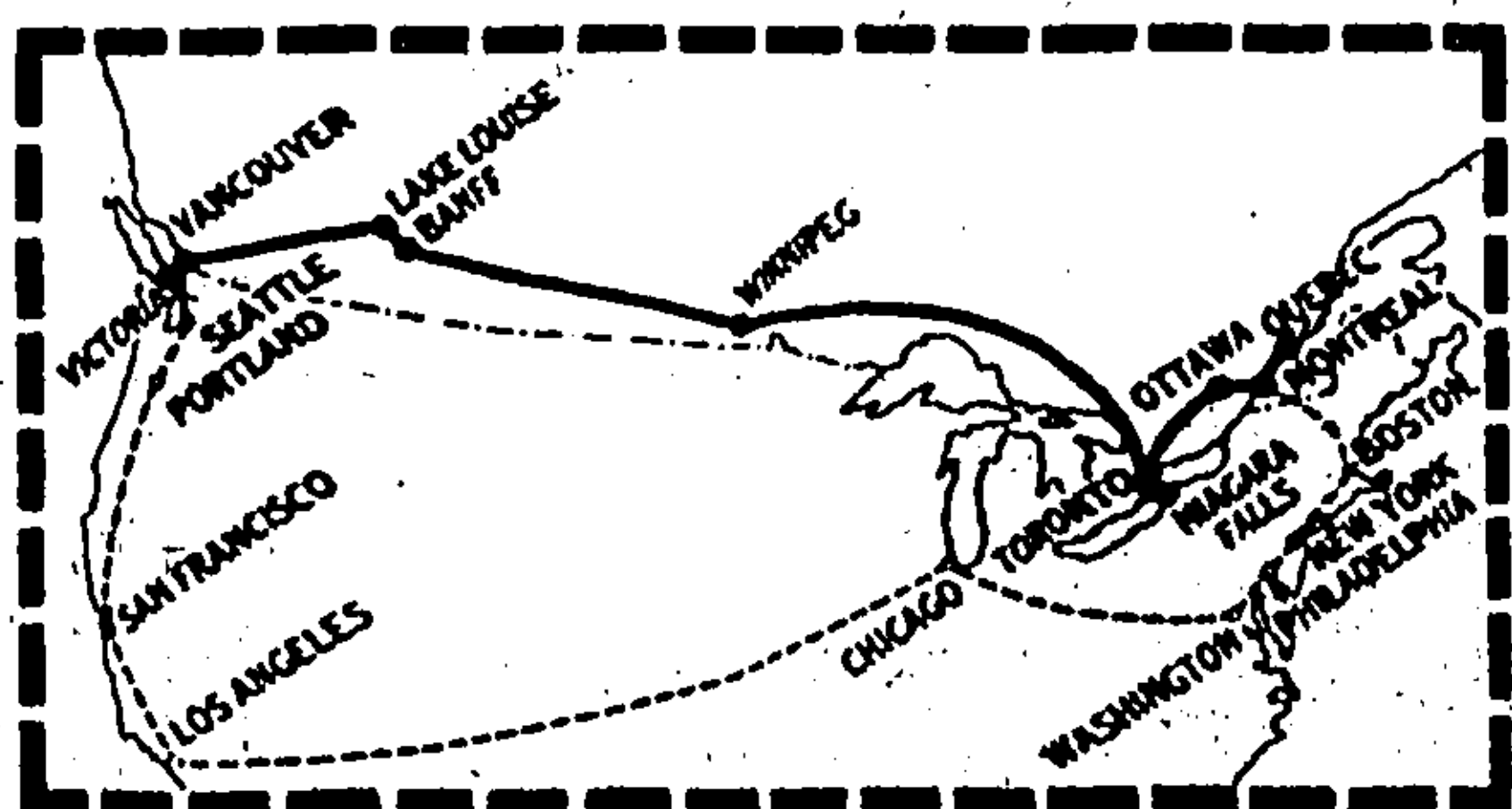
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## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

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### Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn v C. Dunne or Lieut.  
Shields Goodman (5).  
Fung Yee-pui v Kenneth Lo (7).  
O. Umetani or M. Pagh v H. D.  
Rumjahn (8).

### Club Handicap Singles

G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v S. L. Maughan  
(—2/6) (6).

### Club Handicap Doubles

H. Van Leeuwen and M. A. Bierens  
De Haan (—3/6) v T. C. Monaghan and  
T. J. Gould (—15/2) (1); W. R. Lambert  
and N. D. Lloyd (—1/6) v H. J. Arm-  
strong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15.) (2);  
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (—5/6)  
v J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith  
(—3/6) (3); R. E. Guest and B. Fay  
(—30) v F. W. Carter and E. N.  
Thursby (—2/6) (4).

## FILIPINO CLUB'S NEW COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the Fili-  
pino Club was held yesterday, Mr.  
R. Lasala, President, presiding.  
The annual report revealed in-  
come at \$2,113.74, the accounts  
showing an excess of income over  
expenditure of \$539.90.

The membership was 107, in-  
cluding four life members.

The following officers were  
elected.—President, Mr. R. Lasala;  
Vice President, Dr. V. N. Atienza;  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. R. Ildefon-  
so; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. J.  
Manalac; Committee, Messrs. R.  
Basa, A. G. de Jesus, W. V. Field,  
L. A. da Costa, A. P. Castro.

## EASTERN TOUR OF MANILA

Eastern Athletic Association left  
Hong Kong for Manila at  
the invitation of the P.A.A.F.  
They were accompanied by Mr.  
Sze Po-wai, Hon. Secretary of the  
club.

Eastern will play their first  
match on Saturday and, in all,  
five games have been arranged.

Lau Fook-chuen, Kwong Wah  
in-side-left and Fok Yu-wah, (Klt  
Chee) who formerly played for  
South China in the First Division,  
are also accompanying the team at  
Eastern's invitation.

## ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual sports of Ellis Ka-  
doorie School were held yester-  
day. Keen competition was wit-  
nessed in all events and good times  
were recorded.

Chan Pak-wing, Class 5, won  
the senior championship, and  
Cheung Wai-nam, Class 5B, the  
junior. The class championship  
went to Class 5, who thus become  
holders of the Kadoorie Shield.

## SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the programme of  
matches for Sunday in the Hong  
Kong Hockey Association tourna-  
ment:—

10.30 A.M.

5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats

C.B.A. v Destroyers

Police "A" v Recrelo.

5th A.A. "A" v Nomads

4.00 P.M.

Khalsa v Signals

Engineers v University.

### FRIENDLY SOCCER

Two friendly football matches  
will be played to-morrow at the  
Navy ground. The first game  
will start at 3.30 p.m. when the  
Navy second team will play the  
7th R.A. This will be followed  
immediately by the Navy's senior  
team meeting Sing Tao, at 5 p.m.

### CHIEF CONSTABLE REGISTERS

Among those who attended at  
the Windsor Labour Exchange  
for registration with the 1904  
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Windsor, Mr. Ralph Wellings—  
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| Suwa Maru     | Tuesday, | 25th Mar. |
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# EXPANSION OF GODOWN COMPANY

THE HOPE WAS EXPRESSED by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who presided to-day at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, that Sir David Owen's Report on harbour development would soon be made public and that the question of pier leases would be settled at an early date.

Addressing shareholders, the Chairman said:—The profit on working was about the same as in 1939, \$1,549,241.19 as compared with \$1,593,938.07, the decrease being \$44,696.88 or 2.8%. Earnings were up by \$193,507.14 but Working Expenses were also up by \$238,204.00. War Taxation paid (Property Tax and Corporation Profits Tax) amounted to \$95,384.63; just over a dollar per share (\$1.06). The tax paid covers three-quarters of a year only, April to December.

The cost of fuel and stores for launches, cranes etc. continues to increase. Cost of repairs and general upkeep has also increased.

You will note that your Directors have donated \$25,000 to the South China Morning Post Fund and I trust that this meets with your approval.

## Godown Shortage

The shortage of godown accommodation in the Colony continues and although we have been able to meet all demands on our transit and storage space, congestion from time to time has been very acute.

During the year the first of the new six-storied godowns was completed and has been fully occupied with storage cargo since the 1st August, 1940. Half the ground floor of this building has been constructed as a strong room for the safe storage of bullion and valuable cargo; it has been specially reinforced with "Chatwood" spiral interlocked steel and fitted with "Chubb" doors, and is probably one of the safest Strong Rooms in the East. The first of the transit sheds was practically completed at the end of the year and is now in full service.

Foundations for the second transit shed were completed just before Christmas 1940 and the erection of the steel structure commenced on the 28th December. It will be completed within a few days.

The second six-storied godown,

started on the 15th October, 1940, is nearing completion. The foundations of the third godown have been completed and a start made on the building; four months' delay in the erection of this godown has been caused by the shortage of cement.

## Increased Capacity

When the three storage godowns and the two transit sheds are completed this year, we shall have increased our cargo capacity on these sites by about 35,000 tons. The necessity for this additional space has been abundantly evident during the year and is further evidenced by the fact that we continue to occupy all new accommodation as soon as it becomes available. We still find ourselves from time to time very pressed for space to accommodate some of the heavier inward cargoes.

The vastly improved conditions of storage in the new godowns, which are equipped with the most modern cargo handling facilities and are fully fire proofed to Insurance Companies' highest specifications, not only give better and safer storage but also ensure a 50% rebate on fire insurance on cargo stored therein.

The conditions of storage of various Dangerous Goods at Kowloon Point, with the attendant risk of fire, have caused us a great deal of concern for some considerable time, and in October 1940 a new reinforced concrete Dangerous Goods Godown was built on our property at Yau Ma Tei. This godown is constructed to ensure storage of these cargoes in accordance with the latest Government Regulations and to afford the maximum protection to the cargoes.

## New Wharf

During the year the old No. 3 Wharf was demolished and a new concrete wharf completed with the exception of the rails and bollards, delivery of which has been delayed owing to the war. We anticipate being able to put this wharf into service in the near future.

Our total capital expenditure on new works during the year was \$2,432,559.87 and we are committed during the current year to a further \$1,100,000.00 in completion of the programme outlined at the annual meeting on March 23rd, 1939. When this stage of our development is completed we shall possess what I confidently claim to be the finest and most up-to-date units of composite warehouse accommodation in the Far East, if not in the world.

The amount of cargo handled during the year was approximately the same as for 1939, although the number of vessels handled decreased.

## Lighter Fleet

The Company's lighter fleet has again been fully employed during the year; the expenditure on repairs to Lighters this year amounted to \$181,233.72, which was paid out of revenue. This was nearly double the amount expended in 1939 and very much exceeded that of any previous year, due to the fact that practically the whole fleet has been reconditioned; all craft are now in first class order and fit for many years further service, thus obviating the immediate necessity of building new craft at the present high cost of construction.

Since the beginning of the War five members of the European staff have left to join H. M. Services, and one has been seconded for work of National Importance. This of course means that the remainder of the Staff are doing extra work.

## Port Development

As you know, the future of the Port of Hong Kong has been causing us considerable concern as Government have not yet outlined a policy, especially with regard to Pier Leases. Sir David Owen, who was invited to visit Hong Kong to advise Government with regard to the administration and development, has understood completed his Report and it is now in the hands of Government. Sir David visited

our properties and thoroughly investigated our facilities, methods and costs of handling cargo. All the information available was placed at his disposal and we trust that his report will be made public as early as possible and that Government will clarify the question of Pier Leases and set out their policy with regard to the future of the Port at an early date.

## Rapid Progress

In seconding the proposal, Mr. J. M. Alves said:—I am very pleased to note that in spite of the uncertain times in which we live our Directors have taken a long view and proceeded with the essential development of our property in accordance with the sound and comprehensive scheme laid down in 1939. Nobody who travels across the harbour can fail to have noticed the rapidity with which our new construction has progressed, and one can now visualise the appearance which our wharf frontage will present in years to come when the building programme is completed, increasing thereby, considerably, the earning power of the Company.

Those present at the meeting were: The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, (Chairman) the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. B. Wilson, A. H. Veltman, L. Kadoorie, A. H. Penn, L. J. Davies (Directors), Messrs. J. Moodie, G. Castle, J. M. Alves, Kwok Hin Wang, V. T. Marshall, C. M. Hall, G. B. S. Thompson, (Shareholders) C. M. Mannes (Secretary and Manager).

## TWICE IN A DAY

For Kam Wing, coxswain of the steam launch "Po On" appeared before Comm. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning on two charges of proceeding with his launch twice on the same day inside the marking buoy South of Lamma Island.

He was fined \$7 on each charge. For failing to exhibit a red light at each end of a raft of logs, Cheng Muk was fined \$5 or five days.

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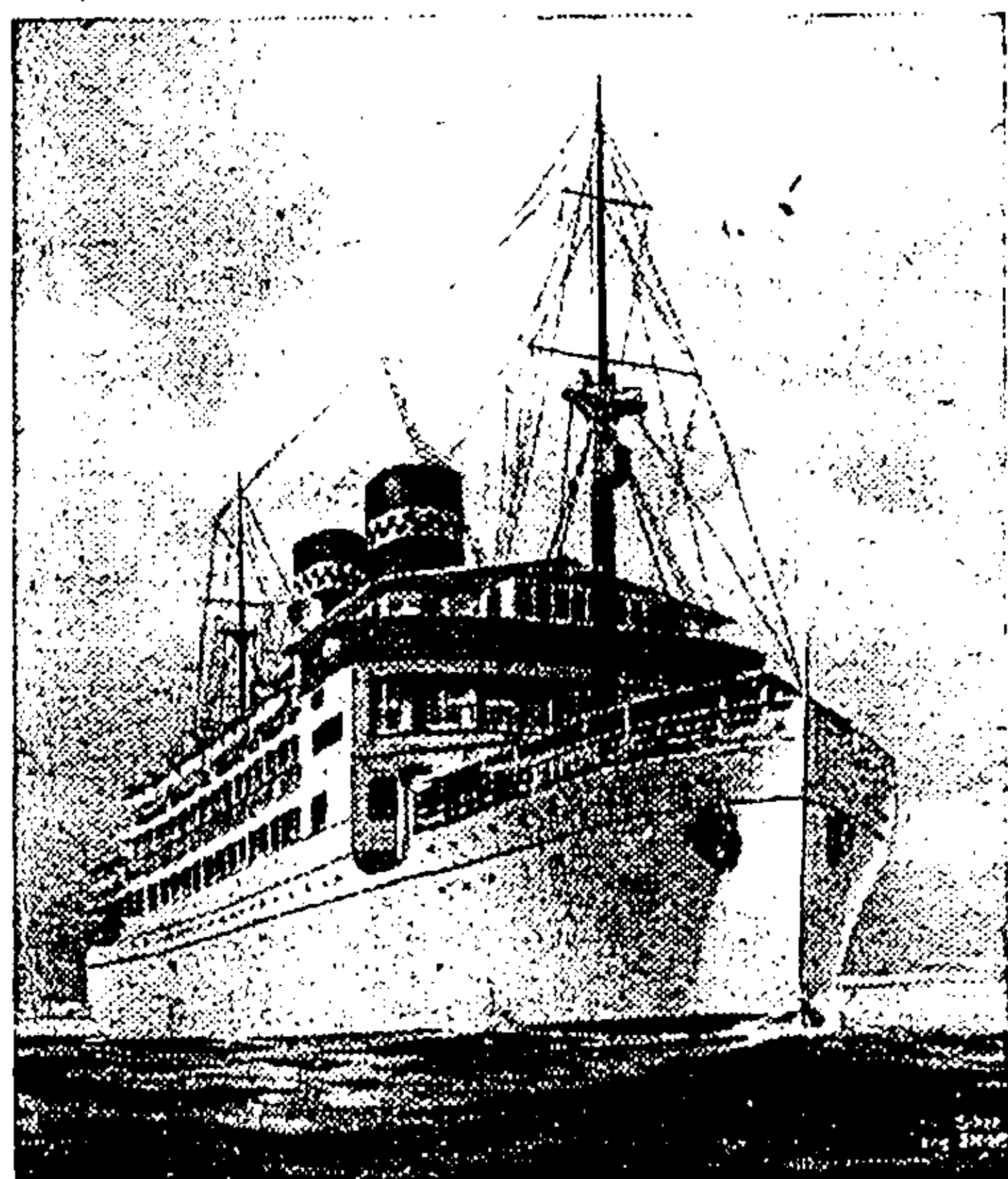
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The first race, the Randwick Plate (First Section), resulted in an easy win for Jus Gentium (Mr. Black). Casino (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) took the lead followed by Macy (Mr. Sequeira) and Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen). On nearing the Half Mile Post Angel of Glory led with Sunspot (Mr. Chui) second, while Jus Gentium was running nicely in about the fifth position. Immediately after round the Village Bend, Mr. Black sent his pony forward to second position, displacing Sunspot, with Snow White (Mr. Pih) following, and on coming into the straight Jus Gentium went after Angel of Glory which it overhauled near the Distance Post and continued on to win by two lengths from Snow White, which came up with a terrific burst of speed to take second place.

Seal River (Mr. Hearne) just nosed out Angel of Glory for third place. For its win Jus Gentium paid \$5.10 which is the lowest win dividend so far this year, the previous lowest return being \$5.40 paid by Distant View (Pih) in the Chater Cup.

#### Charlesber At Last!

The second race, The Lotteries Stakes, for non-winning China griffins of this season over six furlongs, saw Charlesber (Mr. Chao) redeeming itself when it won easily.

When the barrier went up, Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis) went into the lead, followed by Raconteur (Mr. Tao), Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) and Charlesber. Passing the Half Mile Post Iron Beauty took command followed by Raconteur and Charlesber, and on rounding the bend Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) displaced Raconteur for the third position. On entering the home straight Mr. Chao urged Charlesber on to overhaul Iron Beauty, which it passed near the Distance Post. Although the latter put up a fight for a while it was no match. Odeon (Mr. Sequeira) had the better of Lovely View (Mr. Pih) to pay \$62.60 for its third placing, this being the second best place dividend of the afternoon.

#### Favourite Wins Again

The third race, The Randwick Plate (Second Section), saw yet

another favourite romp home to a comfortable win. High Hat (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start followed by National Blessings (Mr. Tao), Daylight (Mr. Wei) and the favourite, Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

After passing the Six Furlong Post the order was still the same but, after passing the Half Mile Post, Corsair was sent up to take the lead, which it maintained to the end.

Meanwhile Bona Vacantia (Mr. S. W. Lee), which had been lying fourth, came through with a burst of speed to take second place from Daylight.

#### Connieber's Fine Finish

The Moonee Ponds Handicap for "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941, saw Lady Northcote's Devonian (Mr. Black), the favourite, make a great effort to win, but Connieber (Mr. Chao) proved the better pony.

At the outset Pumpernickel (Mr. Tang) was leading, followed by Franklin (Mr. Yuen), Derby Day (Mr. Chiu Ki-tan) and Devonian.

On reaching the Half Mile Post Franklin took the lead for a while with Derby Day second, and on reaching the Rock Mr. Black sent Devonian out in front and so well was it running that a win was indicated. However, this was not to be, as Connieber came down the straight strongly and after overtaking Devonian, went on to win by two lengths.

Meanwhile Rowan (Mr. Hearne) also came up with a rush but Devonian just managed to stave off its challenge for second place by a neck. His Excellency led in Devonian and was given a warm ovation.

#### Black Seal Redeems Itself

After its numerous failures during the Annual Meeting, Black Seal, under the care of Mr. Needa for the first time, was made hot favourite in the Randwick Plate (Third Section), which was the first leg of the "Daily Double."

This time it did not disappoint. Fresh Air (Mr. Pan) and Strathbyn (Mr. Treverton) went out together immediately on the rise of the barrier and they raced alongside each other until the Football Stands were passed when Strathbyn gave up the struggle. Fresh Air continued merrily followed by Bendigo (Mr. Black), Black Seal and The Koala Bear (Mr. Tang).

This order was maintained until rounding the bend, when Mr. Needa sent Black Seal forward to pass the leaders and, once in the lead, in the straight, it was never in danger of being caught although The Koala Bear made a determined challenge within the last 50 yards. It had to be satisfied with being second. Bendigo was third.

#### Big Race: Big Upset

The main event of the day was the Melbourne Cup, for Australian Ponies that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941.

The race resulted in a big upset when Endeavour, cleverly ridden by Mr. Peter Wei, won fairly easily and as a result this combination paid \$150.90 for a win ticket, this return being the second best so far this year, the previous best being Racylight's (Noodt) \$171.20 in the Victoria Stakes.

The race started with Australian Diamond (Mr. Chang) running away. It was followed by Colooma (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis), and Endeavour, with the remainder of the field in a procession far behind. The same order was maintained for the first mile and on reaching the winning post for the second time Australian Diamond was still running strongly, well ahead of the others, and it looked as if it had a good chance of winning.

After passing the Rock in the final run home, it was still leading but Colooma and Marsh Warbler fell out of the race and it was then that Endeavour asserted itself.

Coming into the Straight Australian Diamond was still leading, through tiring fast. It was overhauled by Endeavour near the Distance Post, the latter going on to win by four lengths, with Viceroy third another three lengths behind.

In winning this race Endeavour gave us a glimpse of its ability over long distances on a hard track, and Sapper, the reigning Champion, will have to be at its best if they happen to clash.

Australian Diamond paid \$70.20 for its second placing, this being the best place return of the afternoon.

#### Mr. Black's Fine Judgment

The Broadmeadows Handicap, over one mile for "C" Class Australian ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double", and here again the favourite, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), failed.

The race itself was devoid of interest immediately Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) took command on rounding the bend, and although Mr. Needa tried very hard, he had to admit defeat by a neck. Cockleroi (Mr. Davis) was third, three lengths behind. Shuttlecock rewarded its 241 "Double" backers with \$42.60 each for their \$5.00 bet.

#### Unseated, Then Wins

The Randwick Plate (Fourth Section) for non-winning subscription griffins of this season provided another upset. Mr. Chao bringing in Optima Fide to win, to pay \$45.20, the second best win dividend of the afternoon. A Rosy Time (Mr. Black) and Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne), which commanded practically all the support, finished second and third, respectively, to Optima Fide.

Tobaccochip (Mr. Poy) took the lead from the start and set a fast pace in an unsuccessful attempt at a run-away win, failing through lack of stamina. It was overhauled on rounding the Village Bend by A Rosy Time, Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Optima Fide.

With A Rosy Time and Royal Sovereign fighting neck and neck for supremacy, it was noticed that the latter, on coming into the straight, had bored out considerably, and as a result faded out of the race.

In the meantime Optima Fide came up fast and overtook A Rosy Time near the Mile Post, then went on to win by half a length from Sydney Lady which put up a last-minute burst to reach second place from A Rosy Time by a neck.

Prior to the start Mr. Chao was unseated just outside the paddock on the way to the starting gate, but luckily the rider was unhurt and remounted to score an excellent win.

#### Oracle's Record Run

The last race of the day, the Oakleigh Plate for non-winning Australian ponies (griffins) of this

### FONG CHI-HUNG BETTERS INTER-SCHOOL RECORD

DESPITE THE HEAVY track after the recent rain, no fewer than six records were smashed at the Wah Yan College Annual Athletic Sports at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The highlight of the day was when Fong Chi-hung broke the record for Senior Pole Vault when he cleared 10 feet thus smashing not only the school's record of 9 feet 8 inches, but the Inter School's mark as well.

The other records were the "B" Grade Long Jump, "C" Grade Shot Putt, "A" Grade Shot Putt, "C" Grade 200 metres, "B" Grade High Jump. The "A" Grade 100 metres was equalled.

Fong Chi-hung won the school championship with 48½ points, while Wong Kwok-fai took the Junior Championship with 27½ points.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. M. B. Costello, president of the Catholic Women's League, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Following were the results:—

Hop, Step and Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 3. Lau Chi-kin (Green). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Hop, Step and Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in.

Long Jump, "C" Grade:—1. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 2. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 3. Ng Yin-choy (Green). Distance: 15 ft. 10 in.

Shot Putt, "B" Grade:—1. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 2. Tse Shung-wai (Green); 3. Wong Yik-choy (Purple). Distance: 38 ft. 8½ in.

Long Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Wei-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Lai Chung-ying (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in. (Record).

Shot Putt, "C" Grade:—1. Sze Chun-kee (Green); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Distance: 32 ft. 1½ in. (Record).

High Jump, "C" Grade:—1. Tong Pak-ho (Purple); 2. Tam Kam-ho (Blue). Height: 4 ft.

100 Metres, "C" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Lam Siu-cheung (Green). Time: 13.3/5 sec.

Pole Vault, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black); 3. Kwan Kam-pui (Blue). Height: 8 ft. 2 in.

100 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Ho Cham-ying (White). Time: 11.4/5 sec. (Equals Record).

1500 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Felix Fung (White); 2. Lee Kai-lum (Black); 3. Pak Ho-sheung (Green). Time: 5 min. 16.1/5 sec.

100 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Lai Chung-ying (Black); 2. Wong Yiu-nin (White); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 12.3/5 sec.

Shot Putt, "A" Grade:—1. Wong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Woo Sai-cheung (Black); 3. Wong Yiu-nin (White). Distance: 38 ft. 2 in. (Record).

200 Metres, "C" Grade:—1. Lau Yiu-kwong (Purple); 2. Yuen Man-ping (Blue). Time: 28 sec. (Record).

800 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Felix Fung (Green). Time: 3 min. 30 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Senior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Yu Yick-leung; 2. Chan Yip-sun. Time: 28.3/5 sec.

200 Metres (Open to Junior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Yan Kwan-

leung; 2. Mak Po-shue. Time: 27.3/5 sec.

High Jump, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Wong Wai-keung (Black). Height: 5 ft. 3 in. (Record).

400 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 2. Cheung Kat-pui (Black); 3. Chan Shiu-kei (Red). Time: 58.4/5 sec.

Three-Legged Race, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Pin-fun and Hui Siu-lam. 200 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Ho Sai-mang (Green); 3. Wong Man-shuen (Blue). Time: 26.2/5 sec.

High Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Wan Kel-hing (White). Height: 5 ft. 4½ in.

100 Metres (Open to the Junior Boys of Wah Yee College):—1. Lee Chi-wan; 2. Fung Tsai-tak. Time: 13.3/5 sec.

200 Metres (Open to the Servants of Wah Yan College):—1. Tam Cheuk-yuen; 2. Cheung Wai-hoi. 200 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 2. Chan Shiu-kei (Red); 3. Ho Cham-ying (White). Time: 23.2/5 sec.

400 Metres Girls' Relay Race:—1. French Convent; 2. St. Mary's School. Long Jump, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Cheung Kat-pui (Black). Distance: 19 ft. 1 in.

800 Metres, "A" Grade:—1. Cheung Kat-pui (Black); 2. Fung Kim-hing (Green); 3. So Ping-sheung (Red). Time: 2 min. 18 sec.

200 Metres (Open to the Senior Boys of Wah Yan, Kowloon):—1. Lung Yiu-han; 2. Wong Tse-cheung. Time: 26.3/5 sec.

Invitation Relay Race:—1. La Salle College; 2. King's College. Pole Vault, "A" Grade:—1. Fong Chi-hung (Red); 2. Au Sik-hung (Black). Height: 10 ft. (Record).

80 Metres Low Hurdles, "C" Grade:—1. Szeto Bing-fun (Blue); 2. Wong Kwok-fai (Red); 3. Tai Chun-hoi (White). Time: 14 sec.

80 Metres Middle Hurdles, "B" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple); 3. Li Wing-to (Black). Time: 13.2/5 sec.

110 Metres High Hurdles, "A" Grade:—1. Wan Kel-hing (White); 2. Lau Chi-kin (Green); 3. Lam Kwok-leung (Purple). Time: 19.4/5 sec.

Sack Race Relay, "C" Grade:—1. Fan Chung-hon (Purple); 2. Ma Shiu-lui (Green). Time: 50 sec.

400 Metres, "B" Grade:—1. Ho Cham-ying (White); 2. Lam Fui-leung (Green); 3. Cheung Lam-chi (Black). Time: 61.3/5 sec.

800 Metres (Open to the Colony):—1. Mr. Manson; 2. Mr. Ho Yik-shui. Time: 2 min. 13.3/5 sec.

200 Metres Old Boys' Races:—1. Lo Han-yan; 2. Cheung Ng-chau. Time: 25.2/5 sec.

Relay Race (Open to the Scouts of the 15th H.K.):—1. Ho Sai-man; 2. Wong Yik-choy.

800 Metres (Open to Rival Hall):—1. James Leung; 2. K. S. Gill. 400 Metres "C" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. Purple House; 2. "Red" House; 3. "White" House. Time: 62.1/5 sec.

400 Metres "B" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. "Green" House; 2. "Black" House; 3. "Purple" House. 400 Metres "A" Grade Inter-House Relay Race:—1. "Black" House; 2. "White" House; 3. "Red" House.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS RESULTS

Following were yesterday's tennis results:—

OPEN SINGLES  
H. Van Leeuwen beat G. W. Sewell 6-1, 6-1.  
H. J. Armstrong beat A. H. Barwell 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES  
S. B. Lavrov beat J. Stirling Lee 6-1, 8-6.

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES  
A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church beat R. E. Guest and Mrs. Lambert Baker 6-1, 6-1.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet beat E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dolzfel 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell 6-1, 6-2.

Season over the mile, resulted in Oracle, another favourite, winning in the record time of 1.44 (in the new scale of weights) thus giving Mr. Needa his second win of the afternoon.

Canberra (Mr. Black) jumped into the lead on the rise of the slope, with Riverside (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao) following. On reaching The Rock Riverside gave up the fight, with Canberra still ahead, though Nomine Poenae took command on rounding the bend until about 100 from the winning post, when Mr. Needa came through with a terrific burst to pass Canberra and then overhaul Nomine Poenae to win by a length and a half, with Prairie View (Mr. Pih) having the better of the now trailing Canberra for third place.



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# POOR FIELDING MARS NEEDLE SOFTBALL MATCH

## Canuckettes Lead For Two Innings

### Wildcats Score Four Runs In Third-Inning Rally

By "Grandstand"

THE LADIES' SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS DECIDED ON SUNDAY, WHEN THE WILDCATS ROLLED OVER THE CANADIAN CHINESE CUTIES 9-7 IN THEIR FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON, TO ANNEX THE SOUTHWARD SHIELD.

Whilst hurler Thelma Collaco was handcuffing the Canuckettes with three measly hits, her teammates collected eight safeties off Maple Leaf fireball tosser Mary Ng, five of which were bunched up in the third for a five-run uprising. Collaco fanned four and also walked four, whilst Mary Ng whiffed two and passed none.

In her seven innings on the mound, Thelma Collaco threw a total of 113 balls compared to Mary Ng's 92 pitches in six sessions.

Both teams were keved up to a highly nervous condition, and good fielding was not a feature of the game, the victors being guilty of 13 errors to the losers' seven.

The Maple Leafs threatened from the start, when they had two on bases on walks after two were gone, but Mary Ng hit into a force play for no gain. In the next chapter, however, Jay Wong was given a life on a miff and scored on Lily Lee's slow roller for the first Canadian run, whilst Dot Louie tallied again in the third frame on two Wildcat bobbles.

For the first two frames, the Canuckettes fielded tighter than the lid on a molasses jar as the Untamed Felines were retired in order without having so much as a smell of first base, but in the third stanza, the Walloping Wildcats unleashed a five-hit attack to garner four markers and take the lead, then piling on another four counters in the next session on two hits assisted by four Maple Leaf miscues.

#### Late Rally

Booting five times in an erratic fielding display in the fifth, the Wildcats conceded two Canadian runs.

Trailing 9-4 in the last frame, the Canuckettes staged a spirited late-rally, but could only push across three markers, before the Wildcats went into a huddle and retired the side.

Wildcat third-sacker Gloria Mar connected for the only extra-base clout of the fracas with a two-bagger, whilst Jay Wong had four stolen bases to her credit. Eight Canuckettes died on the sacks as compared with the two stranded by the Wildcats.

#### Socorro Castro Shines

In the other game in the ladies loop, Wahos subdued the Panthers 13-7 in a five-inning tilt. Big Chief Therese Noronha toiled on the slab for the Owls and fanned two, whilst Lella Xavier, hurling for the Pantherettes, sent three Owls down swinging with her tricky upshoots. Noronha issued free transportation to first to seven Panthers.

The Owls scored in every inning, and based their victory on two clusters of runs which totalled 10 in the first two frames.

Only one double-killing was made, when Socorro Castro clamped her hands on Lella Xavier's hot liner and tossed Regina Xavier out at first.

Three-baggers were belted in by Therese Noronha and Panther rookie gardener Patsy Ribeiro, the latter being nailed at the plate in attempting to stretch it into a homer.

#### Ladies' Internationals

Wahoo keystone Socorro Castro had a perfect day with the hickory, returning a three in three performances, whilst Pantherette Elida Soares also registered two-in-two. Both of Irene Castillo's safeties went for doubles.

It is understood that a team to represent Great Britain in the Ladies' International Softball series in being formed, and a practice has been arranged for to-morrow at Kowloon Football Club, whilst a meeting will be held at Club de Recreio at 6.30 p.m. this evening to discuss Portugal's entry. All those interested are invited to attend.

## BROWN PLAYS BIG PART IN BIG V.R.C. PLAY-OFF WIN

By "Grandstand"

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB claimed the right to be first holders of the Limjap trophy, emblematic of Second Division softball supremacy, when they dished out the most one-sided defeat of the season to the Chung Hwa Maroons, swamping them 16-3 in the Junior League play-off on Sunday.

V.R.C. slabster, Sonny "Jock" Brown, pitched his team to victory in a stellar mound performance, by turning out a three-hit job in which he whiffed three, passed one to first, and aided his own cause by banging out the only homer of the fracas with the bases clogged.

Chung Hwa hurler P. F. Choy pitched for four innings and was replaced by Al Lau on the hill in the fifth canto. Choy, who yielded six safeties during his tenure on the mound, struck out three, but issued seven free tickets to first, whilst chucker Lau was too liberal with his hits, allowing the Crusaders to nick him for three safeties in the fifth inning.

#### First Blood

Chung Hwa drew first blood when Bill Chang made second on a wild heave in the initial frame and scored on Choy's triple to deep right, but the Crusaders replied with a cluster of four markers in their turn with the bat, when hindsnatcher Alex "Big Boy" Azedo came through with a base-clearing triple.

In the next frame P. K. Lau romped in on Brown's only wild pitch of the game for the second Chung Hwa marker, but the Victorians produced another four-run splurge on two hits to increase the lead.

Another Chung Hwa tally trickled over the plate when gardener Loney Leong drew a pass, pilfered second and scored on Azedo's wild heave.

For the rest of the tussle, the Maroons were blanked in one, two, three order, except in the seventh, when C. Y. Ho singled to centre, but was left stranded on second.

Chung Hwa pitcher shortstop,

### LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

| SENIOR LEAGUE         |    |    |       |
|-----------------------|----|----|-------|
|                       | W. | L. | Pcto. |
| St. Joseph's          | 10 | 2  | .833  |
| Hong Kong Baseballers | 11 | 3  | .786  |
| Indians               | 10 | 3  | .769  |
| Recreio Aces          | 6  | 5  | .545  |
| Cyclones              | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Chinese Baseballers   | 5  | 7  | .417  |
| Filipinos             | 2  | 10 | .167  |
| Canadian Chinese      | 0  | 13 | .000  |
| JUNIOR LEAGUE         |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pcto. |
| V.R.C.                | 10 | 1  | .909  |
| Chung Hwa             | 9  | 2  | .818  |
| Recreio Bees          | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| R.A.F.                | 6  | 3  | .667  |
| Cosmopolitans         | 6  | 4  | .600  |
| Liga Portuguesa       | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| South China           | 4  | 5  | .444  |
| Royal Scots           | 3  | 6  | .333  |
| 8th R.A.              | 3  | 7  | .300  |
| C.B.A.                | 1  | 8  | .111  |
| Royal Engineers       | 0  | 7  | .000  |
| LADIES' LEAGUE        |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pcto. |
| Wildcats              | 13 | 1  | .929  |
| Canadian Chinese      | 12 | 2  | .857  |
| Wahos                 | 10 | 4  | .714  |
| Cardinals             | 8  | 6  | .571  |
| Baby Panthers         | 7  | 7  | .500  |
| Recreio Ramblerettes  | 4  | 10 | .286  |
| Chung Hwa             | 1  | 13 | .071  |
| Little Flowers        | 1  | 13 | .071  |
| INTER-HONG LEAGUE     |    |    |       |
|                       | W. | L. | Pcto. |
| Hong Kong Bankers     | 5  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Shell Oilers          | 3  | 1  | .750  |
| Texaco Oilers         | 4  | 2  | .667  |
| Lacae                 | 2  | 2  | .500  |
| Chartered Bankers     | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Cables                | 0  | 4  | .000  |
| Greenspots            | 0  | 5  | .000  |

### SENIOR LEAGUE

## MOHAWKS BEAT CANUCKS

By "Grandstand"

Shellacking Cyclone hurler Pinky Pineda for 15 safeties, the Chinese Baseballers triumphed over the Cyclones 9-3 in a game devoid of interest.

Two expensive wild heaves by Cyclone hindsnatcher Ahdor Runjahn in the first chapter gave the Chinese Baseballers a two-run lead, whilst a batting rampage in the second netted the Lumen four more counters. Taking advantage of three Chinese miscues in the second, the Cyclones chalked up two runs, and managed one more tally, when Barrie Abbas dented the counting station on three successive bobbles.

Denham Cray, who went the route for the Chinese Baseballers, whiffed seven and walked three, whilst the Cyclone twirler passed one, and fanned none. The big guns of the offensive were Nip Lum and John Fisher, both of whom batted safely three times in four batting chances, but it was Cyclone centre-gardener, "Sunburn" Omar, who stole the thunder when he shoestrung Nip Lum's bingle over second base to rob him of a perfect batting day.

Although Omar was fanned in his first trip to the plate, he atoned for it by cracking out a single.

#### Mohawks Win

Behind the two-hit pitching of Johnson, the Mohawks humiliated the Canadian Chinese 10-1 to preserve their flickering pennant hopes. Bill Woo, toeing the rubber for the Canucks, was found for 11 blows, of which seven were bunched up in the first for eight (count 'em) Mohawk runs, whilst Johnson walked two in his initial mound performance.

Pete Fitch poled out the longest hit of the game with a triple, which would have been a four-bagger had he not stumbled between first and second. Johnnie Shaberg, Fitch and Davis were also good for a double apiece.

### CUP FINAL POSTPONED

The Final of the "Artillery Soccer Cup" between 20th R.A. and 80th R.A. which was to be played to-day has been postponed.

### SERVICE CORPS' CRICKET WIN

Royal Army Service Corps defeated Royal Corps of Signals by 84 runs in the Semi-Final of the Small Units Cricket Knock Out Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Scores:—

| R.A.S.C.                         |    |  |
|----------------------------------|----|--|
| L/Cpl. Logan, c Love, b Murphy   | 52 |  |
| Cpl. Young, b Dixon              | 26 |  |
| Sgt. French, l.b.w., b Dixon     | 0  |  |
| Capt. Dewar, b Murphy            | 2  |  |
| Sgt. Hamlen, not out             | 7  |  |
| Sgt. Benford, b Murphy           | 0  |  |
| Lieut. Howell, c Dixon, b Murphy | 0  |  |
| Cpl. Glen, c Dixon, b Murphy     | 0  |  |
| L/Cpl. Gavier, c Lees, b Dixon   | 1  |  |
| Sgt. Martin, st, b Murphy        | 27 |  |
| Sgt. Mason, b Murphy             | 2  |  |
| Extras (B3, LB4)                 | 9  |  |

Total 126

| Bowling Analysis |      |    |    |    |
|------------------|------|----|----|----|
|                  | O.   | M. | R. | W. |
| Dixon            | 13   | 2  | 58 | 3  |
| Murphy           | 12.1 | 0  | 59 | 7  |

| SIGNALS                     |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                             | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Benford, c Hamlen, b Dewar  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Sharland, c Logan, b Dewar  | 1  |    |    |    |
| Murphy, l.b.w., b Young     | 6  |    |    |    |
| Tomlinson, st, b Martin     | 1  |    |    |    |
| Dixon, b Young              | 8  |    |    |    |
| Mr. Bucke, b Young          | 0  |    |    |    |
| Copsey, not out             | 4  |    |    |    |
| Pitcher, st Hamlen, b Dewar | 6  |    |    |    |
| Lithauer, l.b.w., b Young   | 0  |    |    |    |
| Love, b Young               | 0  |    |    |    |
| Lees, st, b Dewar           | 0  |    |    |    |
| Extras (B9, NB1)            | 10 |    |    |    |

Total 42

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Dewar            | 12 | 4  | 22 | 4  |
| Young            | 6  | 1  | 6  | 5  |
| Martin           | 5  | 1  | 4  | 1  |

### YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Following were the results of yesterday's Badminton Championship:—

#### JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth beat R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao 15-3, 15-1.

#### JUNIOR SINGLES

J. Odell beat M. Talan; 17-14, 15-9.

P. A. Yvanovich received a walkover from H. Dingsdale.





# RIBBENTROP Of Nazi Respect For Sovereignty!

RIBBENTROP, THE Nazi Foreign Minister, winding up the proceedings at Yugoslavia's signing of the Tripartite Pact by congratulating Yugoslavia on her decision, referred to the "crooked intrigue engineered by England to interfere in Yugoslavia's inner policy with certain forces of this State."

He had been told that "even in the last few days attempts at interference on the part of English and American circles had been made, which can only be described as unheard of and which can in no way be reconciled with the respect due to the sovereignty of a free European State."

Solemnly disclaiming that Germany had any territorial interests in the Balkans, Ribbentrop said: "Germany's only final aim will be exclusively to help the introduction of the order which will pacify justly and reasonably this important corner of Europe."

Ribbentrop said the same applied to East Asia.

## The "Object"

"It would be the object of the powers united in the Three-Power Pact and the States lined up with them to see that a Europe and an East Asia should exist in which these States would be free from foreign influences and intrigues in the construction of their own national life."

After the signature ceremony Hitler held a reception at the Belvedere Palace during which over coffee he talked especially with the Yugoslav Premier

and Foreign Minister, the Italian Foreign Minister and the Japanese Ambassador. Among those present were Field-Marshal Keitel and the German Ambassador in Rome.—Reuter.

## NAZI SHIP CAUGHT

ANOTHER LOSS TO GERMAN SHIPPING WAS REVEALED IN AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states that the merchantship Oder (8,516 tons) has been intercepted.

The Oder, which was endeavouring to escape from Masawa, was intercepted by the British sloop Shoreham, reports the Commander-in-Chief, West Indies.—Reuter.

## STRONGER THAN IT APPEARS

Fear of German control of the Dardanelles is the motive of Russia's renewed pledge to Turkey, according to the foreign editor of the New York "World-Telegram" yesterday.

He thinks the undertaking is stronger than it appears.—Reuter.

## Record War Bill

Britain's expenditure reached a new high record last week.

During the week ending March 22 total ordinary expenditure amounted to £102,699,000, or over £14,671,000 daily.

Total ordinary revenue is only slightly over £3,500,000 below the estimate for the financial year, with nine days to run, and the estimate is thus certain to be exceeded.—Reuter.

## CHINA'S NEEDS MAGNIFICENTLY BRIEF

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He is reported to have dismissed the Kuomintang-Communist difference as, in the first place, cured and in the second a sign of Chinese self-confidence in the belief in ultimate victory, while he is also convinced the Japanese cannot close the Burma road.

For the effectiveness of China's proposed counter-offensive he is said to have made two points.

Firstly, the Japanese in China are in a far worse state of exhaustion and demoralisation than is generally assumed in Washington.

SECONDLY, FLYING FORTRESSES COULD DROP INCENDIARY BOMBS ON JAPAN'S CONCENTRATED PAPER AND MATCHWOOD INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND DEAL A BLOW AT JAPAN'S WAR EFFORT.

## Roosevelt Habit

How far these recommendations, if actually made, are likely to be taken up, is unknown, but President Roosevelt has formally and definitely announced that there will be assistance for China and, in view of his well-known habit of coming back from short holiday fishing cruises full of pep and ready-made plans, it would not surprise anyone if he returns with new schemes for assisting Britain, her allies and China.

It is recalled that he sprang the Lease and Lend scheme after a similar cruise.

## Bolder Policy

Advocates in Washington of a bolder policy in the Pacific gained a point by the visit of American warships to Sydney and Auckland.

More cautious elements in naval circles predicted that any warships going westward of the 180th meridian would be attacked or turned back by the Japanese, and many in Washington feel strongly that if these ships go to Singapore it will be enough to deter Japan from adventures in Malaya.—Reuter.

# PRATES YUGOSLAVIA'S SURRENDER

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

IT WOULD BE IDLE to deny that the signature of the Tripartite Pact by Yugoslavia marks a success for German diplomacy, less for what the agreement in its present shape is worth than for the opportunity it will give Germany of exploiting the situation in her favour.

Yugoslavia has obtained what seem to be the most favourable terms in the circumstances, in return for her signature.

She is exempted from the military clauses of the Tripartite Pact.

At the moment, too, the right of transit in sealed waggons of war material and wounded is of slight value, because, while the Greeks hold the line to Salonika on the southern frontier it cannot be used for transit.

The railway route via Nish to Sofia will be an accessory to other means of transport via Rumania and the Danube. It is not likely, therefore, to play an important role in the near future.

But the gravity of the step taken by Yugoslavia lies in the fact that it opens the door to German in-

tervention in the country's internal affairs.

## Risk Of Incidents

The passage of German trains will necessitate the presence of German officials and of special time-tables in which the Germans will have the preponderant voice.

There will also be the risk of incidents serving as a pretext for ever-growing control.

Yugoslavia has embarked on the slippery path of concessions and she will find it not easy to stop when and where she would like—hence the significance of the British warning.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Ten fresh cases of Cholera occurred yesterday—eight from Victoria and one each from Kowloon and rural Hong Kong—bringing the total since beginning of the year to 513.

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